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March 7, 1945

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
234 United States Court House, Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$5000 per annum to \$6000 per annum in Grade CAF 13, effective April 1, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC, New York
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Mr. J. P. Kennedy
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JEE:MW

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: 3/5/45

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: ALAN HARNDEN BELMONT
Assistant SAC
New York Field Division

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Carson

Agent Belmont entered on duty 11/30/36, was reallocated to CAF-13, \$5600 on 7/16/42, was given a meritorious increase to \$5800 on 1/1/43, and is now eligible for a \$200 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act as of 4/1/45. He was on probation from 10/23/44 to 12/15/44 as a result of the inspection of the New York Office.

On 3/31/44 Mr. Glavin rated him EXCELLENT.

RECOMMENDATION: That he be afforded a \$200 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act, effective 4/1/45.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson

Letter to Employer
Dues 3-7-45

707 National Savings Bank Bldg.
ALBANY 7, NEW YORK

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 26, 1945

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

[A. H. Belmont]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Special Agent in Charge Vincent of the Baltimore Office and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Belmont of the New York Office have just completed an inspection of this field division. I want to bring to your attention the splendid manner in which both these men conducted the inspection, particularly from the standpoint of the personnel.

In the course of interviews and conferences they maintained such an attitude of friendly, cooperative helpfulness as to delight everyone assigned to this office. In his talk to agents and again to the clerks Mr. Vincent presented clearly and forcefully the matters necessarily to be discussed and yet did so in such a gracious manner as to make every agent and clerk proud of their association with the Bureau and genuinely desirous of improving the service.

While both Mr. Vincent and Mr. Belmont went carefully into every phase of field division operations, they did so in such a quiet, pleasant unobtrusive manner that, as several employees remarked, "We hardly knew an inspection was going on."

This inspection has had a wholesome, constructive effect on this office and I believe we need more like it. I thought you would like to know what a fine job these men did and how much I appreciate the assistance they have rendered to me.

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ON *9-23-91*

Sincerely yours,

8 MAR 20 1945

E. P. MORGAN
Special Agent in Charge

EPH:HW

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 20 34

District of Columbia 001

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1202 Monroe St. N. E.
Washington, D. C.

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

March 8, 1945

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Alan

Harnden

Belmont

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 3967

has been classified in Class 4-A

until

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of to).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

Form approved
Budget Bureau No. 50-R012.
Approval expires Mar. 30, 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: (X)
REGULAR (X) SPECIAL
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1945 based on performance during period from April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945

ALAN H. BELMONT

(Name of employee)

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE CAF-13

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate — if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, U. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All others..... <input type="checkbox"/>
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- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
 - (2) Mechanical skill.
 - ± (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
 - (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
 - ± (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
 - ± (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
 - (7) Accuracy of operations.
 - ± (8) Accuracy of final results.
 - ± (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
 - ± (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
 - ± (11) Industry.
 - ± (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
 - ± (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? Yes.) (Yes or no)
 - ± (14) Ability to organize his work.
 - ± (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
 - ± (16) Cooperativeness.
 - ± (17) Initiative.
 - ± (18) Resourcefulness.
 - ± (19) Dependability.
 - ± (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- ± (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- ± (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- ± (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- ± (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- ± (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- ± (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- ± (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- ± (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- ± (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- ± (30) Ability to make decisions.
- ± (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- ± (A) Ability to direct and lead a group of Agents on raids and dangerous assignments.
- (B) -----
- (C) -----

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Excellent	Rating official <u>EXCELLENT</u> Reviewing official _____
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.....	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.....	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.....	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by E. E. CONROY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE March 14, 1945

(Signature of rating official)

(Title)

(Date)

Reviewed by [Signature]

(Signature of reviewing official)

Assistant Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(Title)

32245

(Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee

(Date)

Report to employee

(Adjective rating)

ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
CAF-13, \$6000 PER ANNUM

Mr. Belmont entered on duty November 30, 1936. He reported for duty as Assistant Special Agent in Charge at New York on July 8, 1944. Prior thereto he was a Supervisor at the Bureau, Supervisor at the New York City office, Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Chicago, and Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office. He is in grade CAF-13 at \$6000 per annum, effective April 1, 1945.

Mr. Belmont is in charge of Division II of the office, and has four Supervisors under his direction who handle German Security and Internal Security matters, Foreign Travel Control, Alien Enemy Control, General Security and Internal Security, Selective Service, and the like. He also has under his direction the Liaison Section of the office, which generally consists of liaison, complaint, and resident Agents. Division II has 209 Agents, which includes twenty-one resident Agents. There are 4,762 pending cases within the Division, which do not include 870 cases handled by the resident Agents for every section of the office.

There are many very important cases handled within Division II. During the past year in one case involving members of the Nazi party, who concealed that membership in the registration as aliens in 1940, sixty-eight individuals were brought to trial; forty-six pleaded guilty and twenty-two were tried and found guilty. There is pending for trial the case of Serge Rubinstein, the notorious international financier, who evaded Selective Service by claiming Portuguese citizenship. It might be also significant to mention that Mr. Belmont was actively engaged in the investigation and prosecution of the case of Erich Gimpel, with aliases, et al, Espionage, which has been brought to a successful conclusion, and for which Mr. Belmont received commendation from the Bureau.

Mr. Belmont is a firearms expert. He is very adept with all types of firearms. He is well qualified to direct dangerous assignments. He is a qualified Bureau speaker and his services have been utilized along those lines in public appearances on behalf of the Bureau. He is an expert witness. His testimony in the Gimpel-Colepaugh case brought forth many very favorable comments from members of the Military Tribunal.

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Mr. Belmont presents a nice appearance, is invariably neat in dress, and he brings a favorable reaction from those with whom he comes in contact. He is thoroughly interested in his work. He recently assisted in the inspection of one of the Bureau's field offices as an Inspector's aide and is scheduled to make other inspections by himself.

I wish to particularly note that notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Belmont was placed on probation on October 23, 1944, and removed on December 15, 1944, for certain delinquencies in Division II, that there has been a distinct improvement in the quantity and quality of the work since he assumed charge during the past summer. Delinquencies have generally been reduced. Better procedures are in effect. There has been a more careful supervision of the resident Agents, with a resultant improvement in their work.

I am well satisfied with the work of Mr. Belmont and consider the results that he has obtained to have been highly satisfactory.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Baltimore 3, Maryland

March 23, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: A. H. BELMONT
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
New York Field Division

Dear Sir:

Mr. BELMONT assisted me with the inspection of the Albany Field Division from February 19, 1945 to February 25, 1945, inclusive. Except for inspections which he has undergone as Special Agent in Charge and one Self-Inspection which he conducted at the Cincinnati Field Division, he had not participated in inspection work before his assignment to Albany.

During this inspection he used good judgment, was industrious, and worked rather late in the evening without complaining, and the matters which he handled were handled well. He has a good knowledge of the functions of a Bureau Field Office and his judgment in citing delinquencies was very good.

It was apparent, however, that he is inexperienced in this type of work and needed considerable guidance and asked a good many questions, particularly as to procedure, insofar as the inspection itself was concerned. From observation of his handling of several parts of the inspection, it was apparent that he is not particularly inclined toward handling such work. He did not allow any possible lack of enthusiasm to interfere with his work, but I gained the impression that he would not choose such an assignment if it were a matter of personal choice.

In this connection, I wish to point out that he expressed no dissatisfaction whatever with his assignment, and, on the contrary, seemed to be pleased at the opportunity of learning more about inspections, particularly because of the insight which they give a Special Agent in Charge or

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Director
A. H. BELMONT
3-23-45

an Assistant into the operations of a Field Office.

In my opinion, he is entirely capable of assisting in inspections, but should have more experience before he is assigned to one alone.

Very truly yours,


J. W. VINCENT
SAC

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

March 29, 1945

EPM:BG

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Re: ASSISTANT SAC A. H. BELMONT

Attached hereto is a letter from SAC J. W. Vincent of the Baltimore office, dated March 23, 1945, observing that Mr. Belmont is entirely capable of assisting in inspections but should have more experience before he is assigned to handle one alone. At the present time Belmont is scheduled to inspect the following offices on the dates indicated:

Providence April 11
 Springfield May 14

Mr. Vincent has noted that Belmont has conducted one self-inspection, has undergone inspections as Special Agent in Charge, and participated in the inspection of the Albany office as an aide. He states that Belmont asked a good many questions, particularly as to procedure, during the Albany inspection and from observation of him it was felt that he was not particularly inclined toward handling inspection work, although he did not permit this lack of enthusiasm to interfere with his work; that Belmont would not choose such an assignment if it were a matter of personal choice.

The latter is quite possibly true of a great many individuals conducting inspections. I personally observed Mr. Belmont during the course of the Albany inspection and I have every confidence in his ability to handle a field office inspection on his own responsibility. It is my suggestion that Mr. Belmont be permitted to handle his scheduled inspection assignments despite the observation made by Mr. Vincent that he should have more experience prior to being assigned one alone.

Respectfully,

E. P. Morgan

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~~THIS MEMORANDUM IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES
 TO BE DESTROYED AFTER ACTION IS TAKEN AND NOT SENT TO FILES~~

New York, N.Y.
May 19, 1945.

Mr. Hoover:

There is attached for your possible interest a biographical sketch of Assistant Special Agent in Charge Alan H. Belmont of the New York Office.

It is noted that although he was an outstanding all-around athlete in college, he still was able to maintain high grades.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Belmont, before his appointment to the Bureau, traveled rather widely during summer employment while in school and also after he had graduated from college, during which at times he apparently led a rather nomadic existence.

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E. E. CONROY

Attachment

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ALAN H. BELMONT, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division, has had a career marked with a record of hard work from the days he panned gold in the Rockies, drove a sightseeing bus in Glacier National Park and acted as a storemanager for a Salmon cannery in the Bering Sea off Alaska. Today he is still the hard worker that he was in his pre-Bureau days.

Mr. BELMONT was born on January 22, 1907, at New York City. His family moved a short time later to Cincinnati and later to Flagstaff, Arizona, where he attended public school as far as the seventh grade. Again, his family moved to Redondo Beach, California, and Mr. BELMONT finished grammar school there and in 1926 was graduated from San Diego High School where he won his letter on the football team. He entered San Diego State College in the fall and studied there for three years before entering Stanford University in his senior year. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931 with a major in accounting.

During his college days, Mr. BELMONT was an active athlete and played baseball on the freshman and varsity teams for three years. He threw the javolin for the San Diego College track team, played guard, halfback and fullback on the varsity football team for two years and was interfraternity handball champion for Phi Lambda Xi of which he is a member. Mr. BELMONT's athletic build offers proof of his athletic prowess and belies the fact that before entering college he was advised by a physician that he would never be able to participate in strenuous physical work because of a serious illness lasting nearly five months.

Mr. BELMONT is another agent who because of modest financial circumstances of necessity had to work to pay his college expenses.

While at San Diego College he worked as a waiter on tables, was an assistant to a professor of economics and had charge of the maintenance of athletic equipment.

During his summer vacations he had as wide a variety of employment as most men can boast of in a lifetime. Beginning with a steel construction job where he worked as a laborer, Mr. BELMONT later operated the merry-go-round at Mission Beach, California, for two summers. He then became co-proprietor of a soda fountain and confectionary store to add to his college resources. And despite the fact he was almost constantly employed, BELMONT maintained a B plus average in college for four years, won a senior scholarship at Stanford and at the same time earned two freshman and eight varsity letters in athletics. At the same time he found some where the hours needed to devote some attention brotherly and financially to his family at home.

On leaving college BELMONT began work with a firm of Certified Public Accountants in San Diego in the fall of 1931 and later in Los Angeles until the summer of 1932 when he secured a number of private accounts and

conducted independent audits for several concerns. He also was bookkeeper-manager for South Gate, Los Angeles, High School.

In 1933, Mr. BELMONT began a series of occupations that were to take him throughout the western United States and up the Pacific Coast to Alaska. His first job, in the summer of 1933, took him from San Francisco up the coast, through the Animak Pass in Alaska to the Aleutians and the Bering Sea where he was steward and store manager for a salmon company. He says that the loneliness of this assignment was recompensed only by the magnificent salmon catches.

The summer of 1934 found BELMONT and his younger brothers packing off into the Rocky Mountains in search of gold. He panned for the precious metal in the notoriously famous Mother-lode country in the Trinity mountains in the streams where the Forty-Niners struck it rich and into the Feather River territory where tremendous wealth was found in earlier times. He built his own rocker and he terms his gold seeking expedition as modestly successful.

Little, if any, of the great west is strange territory to BELMONT. He has travelled through every western state, visiting the Sierra Nevadas, Death Valley, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Mount Whitney, the Painted Desert, Imperial Valley, the Salton Sea and Boulder Dam among many other places.

In the summers of 1935 and 1936, BELMONT was a "gear jammer" in Glacier National Park. A "gear jammer" is the term applied to the bus drivers who conduct the tours through the famous Western park. In his spare time, BELMONT hiked over most of the great area on foot. It was at this time that he became interested in the Bureau and he filed his application during the summer of 1936.

Mr. BELMONT entered on duty with the Bureau on November 30, 1936, and was first assigned to the Birmingham Field Division in March, 1937. He was transferred to the Chicago Field Office where he worked from July, 1937, until he reported for duty at the Bureau in June, 1938, where he was a supervisor in the Chief Clerk's office and also spent six months in the National Defense section. While at the Bureau he conducted the tours at the Bureau's range and won the supervisors' handball tournament.

Mr. BELMONT reported to the New York Office in January, 1941 and was assigned as supervisor of the desk handling applicants, special inquiries, Bribery, Impersonation, White Slave and National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violations. In one month, more than 900 applicant cases were handled on his desk. In July, 1942, he was assigned as supervisor on the general internal security desk at New York.

In August, 1942, Mr. BELMONT went to Chicago as Assistant Special Agent in Charge and there figured prominently in the round-up of the notorious Touhy gang. He was transferred to Cincinnati on January 15, 1943, as Special Agent in Charge. He returned to New York as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Division Two on July 8, 1944.

Mr. BELMONT is rated as a firearms expert and although he has not shot a "possible" at Quantico, he has turned in perfect scores with the revolver on more than one occasion in the field. He, of course, is a Bureau speaker, has conducted numerous police conferences and also has assisted in conducting inspections in the field. He is active in field office functions, participating with the bowling and softball teams and was a member of a recent winning section pistol team. In some of his leisure time, he will be found on the nearest golf course.

Mr. BELMONT was married on May 14th, 1938 in Chicago. Two of his brothers also have served in the Bureau. HOWARD BELMONT, formerly a clerk in personnel files and later night clerk at Los Angeles, is now an ensign on a Navy minesweeper overseas. DONALD BELMONT, formerly a clerk in the identification division and stenographer at Los Angeles and Juneau, is an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps.

BELMONT is a product of hard work. His thoroughness in his duties assure a job well done but despite his serious approach to the problems he has not lost one bit of a personality which has won and continues to win him friends in the Bureau. He is presently classified as CAF 13, salary \$6,000 per annum.

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February 28, 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL
Honorable T. Vincent Quinn
United States Attorney
Eastern District of New York
Federal Building
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Mr. Quinn:

I do want to thank you for your letter of February 23, 1945, in regard to the recent trial of the two German spies who were taken into custody in New York City. In your warm comments concerning the work of our Bureau and its representatives, I found a source of deep gratification. In particular I would like to express appreciation for your commendation of Assistant Director Earl J. Connelley, Assistant Special Agents in Charge Thomas J. Donegan and Alan H. Belmont, as well as Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

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It was good to know that our handling of this case met with your approval, and you may be sure that those of us in the FBI look forward to occasions in the future when we might work with you on matters of mutual interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc-New York
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
FEDERAL BUILDING
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

February 23rd, 1945.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The trial of Colepaugh and Giesel before a Military Commission is now history. It is to be regretted that the President of the Commission, having given everybody so much to worry after the Commission announced its decision, within an hour released the story of the verdict to the newspapers. This was decidedly embarrassing to me, and I know it was equally embarrassing to Tom Clark and the representatives of the Bureau. During the course of the trial representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were called as witnesses, and from my conversations with members of the Commission, these representatives made an excellent and lasting impression.

I wish to call to your attention in particular the following: Earl J. Connelley, Assistant Director; Thomas J. Donegan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge; Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Special Agent in Charge; William O. McCue, Special Agent; Charles M. Nelson, Special Agent.

Mr. McCue, you will recall from the reports, testified regarding his meeting with the defendant Colepaugh at the home of Edward Mulcahey, at which time Colepaugh informed him of his mission in the United States. The discretion of and prompt action by Mr. McCue, and his frank and sincere method of testifying was commented on by members of the Commission.



Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge Thomas J. Donegan testified as to the questioning of Colepaugh in an effort to promptly locate and arrest the defendant Gimpel. The attention to details, however minute, and the rapidity with which the questioning took place greatly impressed the members of the Commission.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Alan H. Belmont testified at great length regarding additional questioning of the defendant Colepaugh involving the details of his mission to the United States, the route taken and the methods employed by the German government in equipping a spy. He testified as to the code, and illustrated his testimony, which was greatly appreciated by the members of the Commission. His attitude at all times on the witness stand was frank and open and greatly impressed the members of the Commission.

Special Agent Charles M. Nelson testified in detail regarding the arrest of the defendant Gimpel and brought credit to the Bureau by his testimony regarding the arrest.

Assistant Director Earl J. Connelley was at all times helpful in coordinating the work of the representatives of the Bureau and the Department of Justice. He testified at the trial regarding the questioning of the defendant Colepaugh, and by his testimony left no doubt in the minds of the members of the Commission that Gimpel had come to the United States in the interest of the German government.

It is particularly significant to note in this case that the Army Motors assigned to the defendant were equipped with gasoline, no attempt was made to deprive or deprive the defendant of the gasoline of the Federal Government. On the contrary, it was suggested that the accused were at all times supplied with gasoline by the Federal Government.

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With kindest personal regards to you,

T. VINCENT QUINN,
United States Attorney.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: MR. ALAN H. BELMONT

Date: March 7, 1945

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: PAY INCREASE (PERIODIC)

Effective: April 1, 1945

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Sp. Agent	
GRADE	Caf-13	Caf-13
SALARY	\$5800	\$6000
BUREAU OR DIVISION		
HEADQUARTERS		
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.	
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	

REMARKS: Automatic Promotion Bill, Public Law #200. Reallocated from Grade Caf-12, \$4600 per annum to Grade Caf-13, \$5600 per annum, effective July 16, 1942. Last promotion was from Grade Caf-13, \$5600 per annum to Grade Caf-13, \$5800 per annum effective January 1, 1943.

By direction of the Attorney General

New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty and execute necessary appointment papers before any payment of salary can be made.

JOHN O. CANNON

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For
SA
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ALAN BARBERE EXHIBIT

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Washington, D. C.

Mr. Belmont is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the meaning of Executive Order 9809. It is requested that the above named Registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

☒ Registrant has reached his 30th birthday.

☐ Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service

☐ Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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July 6, 1947

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

7-6-45

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice

234 U. S. Court House, Foley Square

New York

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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CC-Review Committee, War Relocation Commission
CC-SAC-New York

ALAN H. BELMONT - - - - - ASSISTANT SAC
ENTERED ON DUTY: November 30, 1936
SALARY: \$6000
OFFICE PREFERENCE: Any Western Office
EXAMINATION: Set #11 99.4%

SAC CONROY:

Mr. Belmont assumed the duties as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in New York on July 8, 1944. He is in charge of Division II of the office. He has four Supervisors under his direction. One handles all Security matters in the office, excepting Communist and those handled by the Major Case Section. Another handles Selective Service, another one directs investigations of Deserter fugitives. The fourth has charge of the Liaison Section, which consists of liaison, complaint, and Resident Agents. There are 258 Agents in this Division, who handle a case load of approximately 4,000 cases. This does not include approximately 750 cases handled by Resident Agents for the various sections of the office.

Division II under Mr. Belmont has handled some extremely important cases since he assumed charge. They have been well administered. He has taken a personal interest in the work of the Supervisors under him and has brought about the adoption of procedures which have been very effective. He has also generally reduced delinquencies in those sections. He has displayed good judgment and is respected by the Agents of the office. I consider his work to have been highly satisfactory.

STATUS: EXCELLENT

MR. CLEGG:

Mr. Belmont is doing a good job. He plans his work and is familiar with what is going on in the various sections under his control. His appearance is good. His voice is somewhat of a handicap, but not seriously so. He is substantial and is doing an entirely satisfactory job.

Inspection Report
New York Field Division
May 29, 1945
Mr. Clegg

JEN:HCB

October 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Today I saw Special Agent ALAN H. BELMONT, Assistant SAC of the New York Field Division. Mr. Belmont makes a good personal appearance and I believe can be rated above average.

I discussed with him at some length the desirability of endeavoring to effect a reduction in the number of Special Agents assigned at New York. From what he states, there is a great volume of Selective Service cases and Deserter cases being handled and it will be some time before these are completed. When Mr. Clegg has concluded his inspection of the New York Office I would like to have a careful study made of it because notwithstanding the situation as outlined by Mr. Belmont, I do think the size of the New York Office should be materially reduced.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

October 22, 1945.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, New York

RE: ALAN H. BELMONT (A) (ASAC)
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from October 8, to October 19, 1945.

He attained the following grades:

Notebook	
Examination	Very Good
Hip Shooting	96
Practical Pistol Course	96
Shotgun	92
.30 Rifle	100
Machine Gun	98
	100

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ON 9-23-91

The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

cc: Alan H. Belmont (A) (ASAC)
New York

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
JPM:FW

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. R. GLAVIN

DATE : 9/20/45

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT : SPECIAL AGENT RESIGNATIONS

While discussing other matters with ASAC Belmont today, he stated that he desired to call to the Bureau's attention particularly the excellent and fine manner in which the Special Agent resignations are being accepted. He said the cordial phraseology being used is doing much to establish in the minds of those Agents resigning a real warm personal feeling for the Director and the Bureau. He said the cordiality of these letters is going to pay huge dividends in the post-war period.

I thought you would be interested in receiving the comments of ASAC A. H. Belmont in this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO

MR. GLAVIN

DATE: August 20, 1945

FROM

J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

ASAC A. H. BELMONT
New York Field Division

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

On August 17, while discussing another matter with Special Agent R. C. Gresham, Mr. Belmont advised that he was scheduled for annual leave for the week beginning August 20, 1945, and that he had inadvertently failed to advise the Bureau prior to that date. However, he advised that a letter was going forward to the Bureau on that date advising that unless instructed to the contrary, he would proceed on annual leave for the week of August 20, 1945.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this annual leave be approved for Mr. Belmont.

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gm
SAC, New York

August 9, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Salary Check - Alan H. Belmont

○ There is attached herewith the July 28th salary check of Alan H. Belmont which is dated August 10, 1945. This check underpays Special Agent Belmont in the amount of \$100.00 and the Department of Justice has advised that a check will be available about August 16th to cover the underpayment.

Gen.
Attachment

Registered Mail

Return Receipt Requested

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H. H. Belmont
3-17-58 77*

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 12

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IDENTICAL

NOT RECORDED

19 AUG 23 1945

[Signature]

76 AUG 24 1945

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF RETURN TO DUTY FROM L. W. O.No. 9266Malan H. BelmontDate August 29, 1945

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau

FBIDepartment ☐

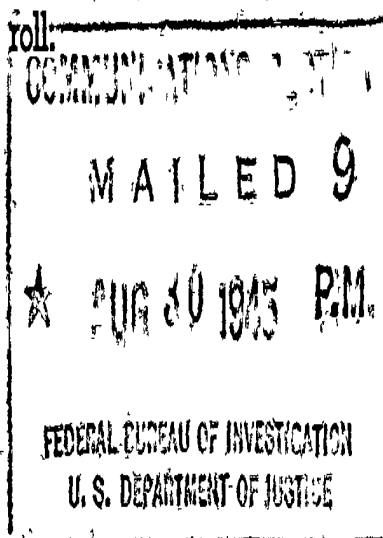
Appropriation

Field ☒ agent

Returned to duty from leave without pay

Deduct 4 hrs. overtime on 8-25-45J. Edgar Hoover

This form must be executed and forwarded to the Personnel Office before employee may be restored to pay roll.



6. (Bureau)

3 SEP 4 1945



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 30, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONETARY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs Loretta A. Belmont Address 19 Bronxville Rd, Bronxville N. Y.
Relationship Wife Dated 7-27-45

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Mrs Loretta A. Belmont Address same as above
Relationship Wife Dated 7-27-45

Very truly yours,

L. A. Belmont
Special Agent

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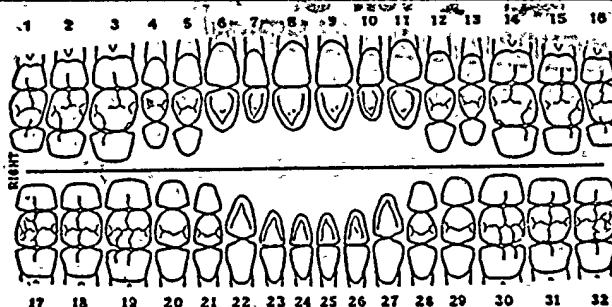
RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME Alan Harnden Belmont AGE 38 YEARS, 9 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) N. Y. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: married NUMBER OF CHILDREN
FAMILY HISTORY None. Father, Mother, 5 siblings living and well. 3 siblings
dead, accidental, rheumatic fever & in childbirth. Wife in good
health.
HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY 1926 (approx) pityriasis rosea. 1939 kink in
ureter. Tonsillectomy as child.

HEAD AND FACE neg
EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) equal & react
DISTANT VISION RT. 20/15, corrected to 20/
LT. 20/15, corrected to 20/
COLOR PERCEPTION normal
(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)
DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS none
EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'
LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'
DISEASE OR DEFECTS n
NOSE neg
(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. state degree)
SINUSES neg

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS neg

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect): normal
MISSING TEETH 1, 7, 9, 20, 30
NONVITAL TEETH n
PERIAPICAL DISEASE n
MARKED MALOCCLUSION n
PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS n
TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES n
DENTURES upper partials satisfactory
REMARKS



R. B. Molecott

(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE medium
TEMPERATURE 97.8f CHEST AT EXPIRATION 40
HEIGHT 68 3/4 CHEST AT INSPIRATION 42 1/2
WEIGHT 175 1/2 CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 33 1/2
RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE n
SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS n
NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) n
SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) n

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) neg

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. neg

Photo-Fluoroscapy of chest shows primary focus in one apex.

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM neg

HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) neg

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 72 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 108
AFTER EXERCISE 96 DIASTOLIC 70

THREE MINUTES AFTER 72

CONDITION OF ARTERIES normal CHARACTER OF PULSE full & reg

CONDITION OF VEINS normal HEMORRHOIDS none

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) neg

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM neg

URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.015 ALB. neg SUGAR neg MICROSCOPICAL neg

VENEREAL DISEASE no

NERVOUS SYSTEM neg

(organic or functional disorders)

ROMBERG neg INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) no

REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL present DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) present TREMORS no

SEROLOGICAL TESTS neg BLOOD TYPE A

ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries)

tetanus
never

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION child hood

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES never

DATE OF LAST COURSE

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS 1. Dental caries. 2. Primary focus in one apex of questionable stability.

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING strenuous PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS yes (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)

1. Following immunizations recommended: smallpox, typhoid & tetanus.

2. Dental care for caries.

3. This individual should have an X-ray of the chest to check the stability of the primary focus in the apex & a report forwarded to this activity. He has returned to New York for duty.

W. R. Darnall

Lt. Comdr. M.C., USNR

DATE OF EXAMINATION October 18, 1945



Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

AHB:MT

New York, N. Y.
December 3, 1945.

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter of November 6, 1945, recommending that I have an X-Ray of the chest to check the stability of the primary focus in the apex, this is to advise that such an X-Ray has been made, the results of which are set forth in the attached letter of November 26th, from Dr. Richard Dalton of the U. S. Public Health Service, Marine Hospital, Staten Island.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BELMONT

Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure.



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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL
AND REFER TO

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
STATEN ISLAND 4, N. Y.

...Mr. Conroy
...Mr. Donegan
...Mr. Belmont
...Mr. Vincent
...Mr. L. J. Quinn
...Mrs. Perry
...Mr. B. C. Brown
...Mr. O'Brien
...Mr. F. J. Doe
...Mr. G. E. Jones
...Mr. H. K. Lee
...Mr. M. A. Smith
...Mr. N. B. White
...Mr. P. Q. Black
...Mr. R. S. Green
...Mr. T. U. Blue
...Mr. V. W. Yellow
...Mr. X. Z. Purple
...Miss Y. Orange
...Promoting Clerk
...Auditing Div.



November 26, 1945

Mr. E.E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
234 U.S. Court House,

Dear Sir:

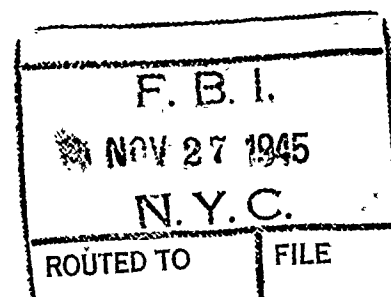
X-ray examination of the chest of Mr. Alan H. Belmont reveals few calcific nodules in the parenchyma of the hilum and slightly increased bronchovascular markings. However, there is no evidence of recent or active pulmonary disease.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

Richard Dalton, M.D.
Richard Dalton, M.D.

RD/mb



October 5, 1946

Mr. A. H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York City

Dear Mr. Belmont:

My hurried trip to San Francisco,
along with the Graduation Exercises of the
National Academy yesterday, made it impossible
for me to see you while you were at headquarters.
I am indeed sorry that I missed you but will look
forward to your coming by the office the next time
you have occasion to be in the city.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. Edgar Hoover

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JEH:HCB/b

November 5, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Alan Harnden Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
234 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on October 18, 1945.

This report reflects that you have a primary focus in one apex and that you have dental caries.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital recommends inoculation for smallpox, typhoid, and tetanus, dental care for caries, and that you should have an X-Ray of the chest to check the stability of the primary focus in the apex and a report forwarded to the Bureau.

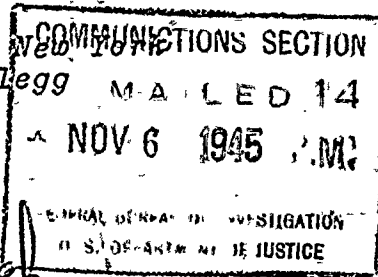
It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

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ON 9-23-91

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC - New York
CC: Mr. Clegg



Mr. Tolson _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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[Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN ✓

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: A. H. BELMONT
ASAC - New York Field Division

DATE: July 11

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Belmont called today (7/10/46) and stated that he desired annual leave, starting July 13, 1946, through July 19, 1946, and he was requesting Bureau approval.

In accordance with your instructions, Mr. Belmont was authorized to take this leave.

JPM:pam.

ALPHABETICAL

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7 JUL 1946

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1946.

CIRCULAR NO. 3959

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Subject: Affidavit regarding membership in organizations which assert the right to strike against the Government.

Appropriation bills for the fiscal year 1947 provide that no part of the appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States. It is provided that for the purpose of this legislation an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this law engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States and is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States.

All employees must execute the affidavit on the other side of this circular. When you have signed the affidavit it should be returned promptly to your immediate supervisor who will forward it through regular channels (for noting against payroll records) to the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

Certifying Officers shall not release salary checks until this affidavit has been prepared and forwarded.



S. A. ANDRETTA
Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General

AFFIDAVIT

STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Department of Justice
(Dept. or Estab.)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Bureau or Office)

New York, New York
(Place of Employment)

I, Alan H. Belmont, do hereby swear (or affirm) that I am not engaged in any strike against the Government of the United States and that I will not so engage while an employee of the Government of the United States; that I am not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will not while a Government employee become a member of such an organization.

Alan H. Belmont
(Signature of employee or appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 1946
at New York, State of New York.

SAPPHO MANOS
Notary Public, Westchester County
Westchester Co. No. 7538
N. Y. Co. No. 1204
Commission Expires March 30th, 1948

Sappho Manos
(Signature of Officer)

Notary Public
(Title)

SEAL

(Not needed where none available)

NOTE: Any officer or employee of a department or establishment who is designated in writing by the head thereof to administer oaths in connection with employment as required by law is authorized to administer the affidavit required incidental to the foregoing and such affidavit must be administered without charge or fee and has the same force and effect as affidavits administered by officers having seals.

STATUTORY PENALTY CLAUSE: "Any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States, or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States ***and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: Provided further, that the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provision of existing law."

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL OF TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1946 based on performance during period from April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946

ALAN H. BELMONT
(Name of employee)

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

CAF-14

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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| <p>..... (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.</p> <p>..... (2) Mechanical skill.</p> <p><u>+</u> (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.</p> <p>..... (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).</p> <p><u>+</u> (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.</p> <p><u>+</u> (6) Attention to pertinent detail.</p> <p>..... (7) Accuracy of operations.</p> <p><u>+</u> (8) Accuracy of final results.</p> <p><u>+</u> (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.</p> <p><u>+</u> (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.</p> <p><u>+</u> (11) Industry.</p> <p><u>+</u> (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.</p> <p><u>+</u> (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>No</u> (Yes or no))</p> <p><u>+</u> (14) Ability to organize his work.</p> <p><u>+</u> (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.</p> <p><u>+</u> (16) Cooperativeness.</p> <p><u>+</u> (17) Initiative.</p> <p><u>+</u> (18) Resourcefulness.</p> <p><u>+</u> (19) Dependability.</p> <p><u>+</u> (20) Physical fitness for the work.</p> | <p><u>+</u> (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.</p> <p><u>+</u> (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.</p> <p><u>+</u> (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.</p> <p><u>+</u> (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.</p> <p><u>+</u> (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.</p> <p><u>+</u> (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.</p> <p><u>+</u> (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.</p> <p><u>+</u> (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.</p> <p><u>+</u> (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.</p> <p><u>+</u> (30) Ability to make decisions.</p> <p><u>+</u> (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.</p> |
|--|---|
- STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED
- + (A) Ability to direct and lead a group of Agents on raids and dangerous assignments.
- + (C) Capability of assuming further responsibility.

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating	Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Excellent X	3.	EXCELLENT
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Very good		
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.....	Good		
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.....	Fair		
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.....	Unsatisfactory		
Rated by <u>[Signature]</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	(Title)	March 27, 1946.	(Date)
Reviewed by <u>[Signature]</u> Assistant Director	(Title)	#-10-46	(Date)
Federal Bureau of Investigation	(Title)		
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee	(Date)	Report to employee	(Adjective rating)

ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
CAF - 14 -- \$7,175 PER ANNUM

Mr. Belmont entered on duty as a Special Agent of the Bureau on November 30, 1936. Prior to his present assignment, he has been a Supervisor at the Bureau, Supervisor at the New York City office, Assistant Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, and Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office. He reported for duty as Assistant Special Agent in Charge at New York on July 8, 1944.

At the beginning of the rating period, Mr. Belmont was in charge of Division II of the office, with four Supervisors under his direction, who handled German Security and Internal Security matters, Foreign Travel Control, Alien Enemy Control, General Security and Internal Security, Selective Service, as well as allied cases. He also had under his direction the Liaison Section of the office which generally consists of liaison, complaint, and resident agents.

On October 1, 1945, Mr. Belmont, under a reorganization of the office, took charge of Division II, with six Supervisors under his direction who handled all accounting and general criminal investigations, the Liaison Section, the Night Supervisor, and the Administrative Section of the office, which is composed of clerical employees, the Training Unit, and Personnel Counsellor.

Mr. During the past month, Mr. Belmont has assumed charge of Division I of the office, where he has six Supervisors under his direction. They handle major cases as well as all security matters, including Communist cases and Russian espionage. In this division also are the Deserter and Selective Service Supervisors. In this position Mr. Belmont will have under his immediate direction some of the most important cases being handled by the Bureau.

Mr. Belmont is a firearms expert, is very adept with all types of firearms and is well qualified to direct dangerous assignments. He is a qualified Bureau speaker. An excellent response has been received to his public appearances. He is an expert witness, presents a nice appearance, is invariably neat in dress and brings forth a favorable reaction from those whom he meets. He is intensely interested in his work. He is qualified as a Bureau Inspector.

Mr. Belmont has had the respect of the employees who have been working for him. The results he has secured in the administration of Division II as originally organized and later reorganized have been excellent. I anticipate that his services in charge of Division I will continue to be of a high order.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 28, 1946, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Address 19 Bronxville Rd, Bronxville, N.Y.
Relationship wife Dated 2-25-46

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name same Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

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Very truly yours,

L. Belmont
Special Agent

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Mr. E. E. Conroy

February 26, 1946

John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
A. H. Belmont

This is to advise you the above named Assistant SAC should be assigned the duties of Supervisor of Division One in the New York Office effective the date Mr. Donegan ceases active duty.

Special Agent Robert J. Lynch is being transferred to your office to replace Agent Belmont.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT: A. H. BELMONT
ASAC, New York

DATE: 2-13-46

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Miss Gandy

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Mr. Belmont is under consideration for a meritorious promotion at this time. For the Director's information, Belmont was reallocated from Grade CAF-13, \$6650 per annum to CAF-14, \$7175 per annum on January 14, 1946.

In view of the fact that he was recently reallocated with an appropriate salary increase, it is suggested that his meritorious increase be held in abeyance at the present time.

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I agree

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[Signature]

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 2/20/46

FROM : R. C. HENDON

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Rosen
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It is recommended that Assistant SAC Alan H. Belmont of the New York Office replace T. J. Donegan, who has resigned as Assistant SAC of Division 1 at New York. This Division handles major cases, espionage matters, technical surveillances, Communist cases and Selective Service and deserter cases. In addition the Assistant in charge of this Division ordinarily acts in charge of the office in Mr. Conroy's absence.

Mr. Belmont was first assigned to the New York Office as a Supervisor in January 1941 and for a short period of time served as #1 Man to Mr. Drayton who was then Assistant SAC in charge of Division 2. Belmont then served as Assistant SAC at Chicago and SAC at Cincinnati prior to returning to New York as Assistant SAC on July 8, 1944. He is presently in charge of Division 2. It is believed he is sufficiently familiar with the overall operations of the New York Office to take over very adequately Donegan's work.

To replace Belmont as Assistant SAC in charge of Division 2 at New York, it is recommended that Assistant SAC Robert J. Lynch (M) be transferred from Baltimore.

Lynch has an excellent record. He entered on duty in June 1937 and is presently in Grade CAF 12, \$5600 per annum. He is a native of Brooklyn and graduated from Columbia University with an A.B. degree and is a Certified Public Accountant of New York State. His office of preference is New York City. He was first assigned to that office in April 1939 and supervised accounting work. In addition he was the #1 Man to the Assistant SAC of this particular division. He was transferred to Baltimore as Assistant SAC in July 1945. Division 2 at New York handles the supervision of the various administrative matters and the general criminal investigations.

Permanent briefs on Belmont and Lynch are attached.

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Transfer order
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 1/4/46

FROM : R. C. HENDON

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT
Assistant SAC
New York Office

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Belmont after serving as SAC at Cincinnati from January 15, 1943 to July 8, 1944 was designated Assistant SAC at New York and has been serving there since that time. Mr. Clegg in the inspection of the New York Office in May 1945 stated that he was doing a good job.

Mr. Donegan, the other Assistant SAC at New York, is in Grade 14 as was Mr. Vincent. I recommend that Belmont be increased from Grade CAF 13, \$6650 per annum to Grade CAF 14, \$7175 per annum.

I agree
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Gen. Rec. to Dept. CH.
Ltr. to Employee H.
WPA: MFP
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, 7, New York



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January 16th, 1946

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very happy to receive your letter of January 7th, advising me of a raise in grade and salary.

My chief reaction was not occasioned by the monetary increase, although this of course was very acceptable, but rather by the confidence you have placed in me.

I assure you of my continued devotion to you and to the Bureau.

Sincerely,

John H. Belmont
10 JAN 31 1946

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Prepared by: *Lf*
Checked by: *met*
Filed by: *1540*

Alan H. Belmont.

NO. **FBI - 1540**

Name **MR. ALAN H. BELMONT**

January 7, 1946

Nature
Of Action **PROMOTION**

Effective **January 14, 1946**

CIVIL SERVICE OR
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Position

Special Agent

DATA

NATURE OF POSITION

a. NEW

Grade

CAP 13

CAP 14

P. C. No.

Salary

\$6650

\$7470

b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

Bureau
or
Division

P. C. No.

Headquarters

Appropriations

CAP, FBI

DATA

c. VICE

ROBERT L. SHIVERS
Tr. 12-1-48

Departmental
Or Field

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P. C. No.

REMARKS:

DATE OF OATH

DATE OF BIRTH

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January 7, 1946

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
234 United States Court House, Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from the position of Special Agent, \$6650 per annum in Grade CAF 13, to the position of Special Agent, \$7175 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective January 14, 1946.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC-SAC-New York

CC-CCO-Selective Service

CC-Miss Eitel

CC-Mr. J. E. Edwards (EOD-11-30-36)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 4, 1946
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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office dropped by to state that while he had put in a request to see you he had nothing particular in mind to take up; that he had reservations on the 5:00 o'clock train and wondered if he should remain over. I told him that unless he had something specifically to discuss with you I did not think it necessary for him to remain over. Accordingly he will depart on the 5:00 o'clock train.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Beahm ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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Mr. Belmont advised that had he been able to see you he would have indicated he feels the squad assigned to Communist and Soviet Espionage cases in the New York Office is using considerable ingenuity in going beyond the ordinary investigative steps in an effort to develop their cases. He stated that the men on this squad possessed considerable enthusiasm and that their morale is excellent. He stated further that while they are quite delinquent in the New York Office, he feels that they are making steady progress in all the projects and are putting first things first. He indicated that he is badly in need of at least 30 additional Agents at this time for assignment to the Communist squad and that he realizes the Bureau is and will do everything possible to furnish the necessary Agent personnel for this work in the New York Office.

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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September 19, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There are set forth below a few items which the Assistant Directors believe should be discussed with Assistant Special Agent in Charge Belmont of the New York Office when he reports for In-Service Training on Monday, September 23, 1946. Mr. Belmont is in charge of Division I of the New York Office. Division I is divided into six sections - Major Case, Communism, Russian Espionage, Technicals, and Selective Service, and Deserters, each of which is supervised by a Special Agent Supervisor.

Inspections. Recheck survey and inspection - October 1945, H.H.Clegg

File Projects - The alien enemy registration files are set up by nationality and maintained alphabetically by names. The present project is to consolidate the German alien enemy registration file material with the main indices and files of the office. The same consolidation is being effected in the Italian alien enemy registration file. The same type of consolidation is being effected in the major case indices and Communist indices. Inquiry should be made of ASAC Belmont as to the status of these projects.

Personnel Matters - Tardinesses appeared excessive. For example, in March 1945 there were 123 instances of tardiness by clerks.

Deserter Section - There were 885 cases in this section. The delinquency was 62%.

Russian Espionage Section - There were 1,038 cases. The delinquency was 56%.

Communist Section (except espionage) - There were 1,038 cases. The delinquency was 62%. There were 59 Agents assigned to this section at the time of the recheck. The work was increasing.

National Defense and Internal Security Cases (except Communist and Internal Security R) - This section also handled black market specials. The delinquency was 35%.

Selective Service Section - There were 1,680 cases. The delinquency was 48%. There were 13 Agents assigned specifically to the "Old Dog" Squad which squad was engaged in handling old Selective Service cases.

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Technical Surveillances - There were 32 Agents assigned to this section. Technical surveillances were maintained on 83 lines. There was a current need for 36 Agents in this Section.

Miscellaneous - There had been instances in which Special Agents had been used as Assistant Supervisors or "Desk Men" without authorization by the Bureau.

Police Schools

	<u>Number of Schools</u>
First half, 1945	8
First half, 1946	8

It is noted that the State of New York including the Buffalo, Albany, and New York City Divisions is well organized in the matter of police training insofar as state-wide coverage is concerned. The Albany Field Division acts as coordinator. The New York City Division has recently proposed a state-wide conference of all police instructors to meet in New York City. While such a conference might produce some good results, probably a better plan would include only the SAC's from those field divisions to discuss state-wide problems in police training and formulate plans for a new series of schools scheduled for the fall of 1946 and early part of 1947.

Law Enforcement Conferences

	<u>Number of Conferences</u>	<u>Percentage of Attendance</u>
First Series, 1945	1	92%
First Series, 1946	1	84%

The New York City Division has maintained a good record for interesting and well attended conferences. This may be attributed to the fact that regular monthly meetings of Resident Agents are held in this Division which undoubtedly has a tendency to keep alerted the entire field division in regard to police relationships.

FBI National Academy - 31st Session, 3; 32nd Session, 1; 33rd Session, 2.

Speaking engagements - During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, the New York Office handled 352 speaking engagements compared with 324 during the preceding fiscal year. SAC Conroy made 28 speeches in the last fiscal year in his own district and three in the Newark district. 8 were handled by Assistant Special Agents in Charge, 7 of which were given by ASAC A. H. Belmont. During the preceding year Mr. Conroy handled approximately the same number of speeches personally.

Assistant SAC Lynch made 6 speeches during the fiscal year 1946. Only one of these, however, was given during the time he was Assistant SAC. The New York Office was written on August 1, 1946, concerning the small number of talks being handled by the SAC personally. During the month of July, 1946, 6 speeches were made and two of these were given by ASAC Belmont.

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Technical surveillances - There are no particular problems for discussion with ASAC Belmont in connection with cases under the supervision of the Investigative Division.

Soviet Shipping - It is respectfully suggested that the Director may wish to point out to Mr. Belmont that the bulk of Soviet shipping entering U. S. ports at the present time comes into the Port of New York and that this will be particularly true during the winter months when there is almost a complete shutdown except for ice-breakers of Soviet traffic from Siberian ports. For this reason the New York Office will be largely responsible for the proper handling of incoming and outgoing Soviet vessels and Soviet personnel.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Cases Involving Soviet Agents - It is suggested that the Director may wish to point out to Mr. Belmont the gravity of the international situation and, therefore, the need to place stress on prompt and accurate investigation of cases involving Soviet agents. The necessity for keeping up-to-date on reporting in the cases concerning Soviet official establishments in New York cannot be stressed too strongly. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Communist Investigations - There is attached hereto a memorandum concerning Communist investigations in the New York Field Division.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Nease

G. A. Nease

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September 20, 1946

DISCUSSION CONCERNING COMMUNIST INVESTIGATIONS
IN NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION WITH ASAC BELMONT

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In view of the very militant conspiratorial and anti-United States program of the Communist Party and in view of the tense world situation, it is suggested that the serious obligation of the New York Field Division in the investigation of Communist matters be stressed to Mr. Belmont. The New York City area can be regarded as almost the "nerve center" of Communism, what with the National Headquarters of the Communist Party being located there and all important policy and instructions emanating from there.

It is felt that Mr. Belmont should be emphatically told that the New York Field Division has a serious and strict duty of concentrating on the development of more and better informants particularly an informant who is at least a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. Such an informant should not only be able to tell the Bureau what has happened, but what is going to happen. The informant would be of untold value as far as developing admissible evidence concerning the organizational aspects of the Communist Party.

Another matter that is of vital importance and which should be concentrated upon by the New York Field Division is the ascertaining of the addresses of all Communist Party units within the area covered by it. Likewise the identities as well as the addresses of those officials of Communist Party units who are in possession of membership lists and other confidential data of the Party should be obtained.

The New York Field Division covering National Headquarters of the Communist Party has also a very important as well as difficult job in preparing the summary type report in connection with the Communist Party brief project. In view of the important character of this project and in view of its difficult nature the New York Office should of course concentrate its best efforts on it.

It is felt that there should be much closer scrutiny of important conversations which are developed through technical and microphone surveillances. Important conversations should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau in teletype form so that appropriate governmental officials can be advised. Furthermore, it is felt that ^{more} ~~much~~ advantage should be taken of information developed through technical sources particularly along the lines of instituting physical surveillances to develop admissible evidence concerning contacts by the Communist Party officials and foreign Communist functionaries or officials of foreign governments. (S) (U)

The New York Field Division requested in the Spring of 1946 additional personnel for assignment to Communist investigations, which because of existing

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circumstances could not be supplied. Undoubtedly its request was reasonable and logical, however, inasmuch as the additional personnel could not be supplied the New York Field Division should be most selective in its investigations and there should be no waste of manpower. Furthermore, agents experienced in Communist matters should be utilized to their fullest extent and encouraged in their efforts.

The entire picture of Communism as it exists at the present time reflects a serious and tense situation not only from a domestic point of view but from the international aspect, consequently, the Bureau must be prepared to face an emergency which might arise at any time. The New York Field Division covering the area wherein the most Communists are concentrated bears one of the heaviest burdens of any of the field offices.

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November 27, 1946

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
234 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

November 30, 1946, marks the completion of your tenth year of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I wish to extend to you my hearty congratulations on this occasion and present to you the enclosed Ten Year Service Award Key.

I want to express my deep gratitude for your splendid devotion to the Bureau and your exemplary contribution of hard work and personal sacrifice to its cause. I want you to consider this Key as a manifestation of my genuine appreciation and gratitude for your decade with the organization that has grown to mean so much to us.

It is my sincere wish that the Bureau will continue to receive the benefit of your ability and experience for many years to come.

With best wishes,

67-94639-214

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover
6 DEC 1946
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

New York
cc: SAC, New York
cc: Mr. Egan
cc: Mr. Ladd
cc: Mr. Nichols
cc: Mr. Rosen
cc: Mr. Tracy
cc: Mr. Carson
cc: Mr. Egan
cc: Mr. Gurnea
cc: Mr. Harbo
cc: Mr. Hendon
cc: Mr. Pennington
cc: Mr. Quinn Tamm
cc: Mr. Nease
cc: Miss Gandy

WRG:ejm

October 8, 1946

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SAC, New York

RE: ALAN H. BELMONT (A)
SPECIAL AGENT (ASAC)

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from September 23 to October 4, 1946.

He attained the following grades:

Notebook	Excused
Examination	100
Hip Shooting	98
Practical Pistol Course	14/25
Shotgun (Skeet Course)	94
30 Rifle	98
Machine Gun	

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The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Miss Gandy

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MAK:MD

cc: ASAC Alan H. Belmont (A)
New York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN *GC*

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN *mc*

SUBJECT: A. BELMONT
ASAC, NEW YORK CITY

DATE: October 31, 1946

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

ASAC A. Belmont of New York City, telephonically contacted the writer and requested approval for one week's annual leave to commence Monday, November 4, 1946. He was advised that it would be satisfactory for him to take such leave, unless he received advice to the contrary by 5:30 PM, November 1. He stated that both Mr. Scheidt and Mr. Lynch would be in New York during this period.

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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME BELMONT, A. H. AGE 40 YEARS, 0 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) N.Y. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: Married NUMBER OF CHILDREN 0
FAMILY HISTORY Neg.

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Neg.

HEAD AND FACE Normal

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) React to L & A

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/ 20, corrected to 20/

LT. 20/ 20, corrected to 20/

COLOR PERCEPTION Passed AOA 1940

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS None

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15 /15'
LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15 /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS None

NOSE Septum spur deviation to left.

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES Neg.

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS Tonsil stumps

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect): Caries #15

MISSING TEETH 2,7,9,20,30

NONVITAL TEETH No

PERIAPICAL DISEASE No

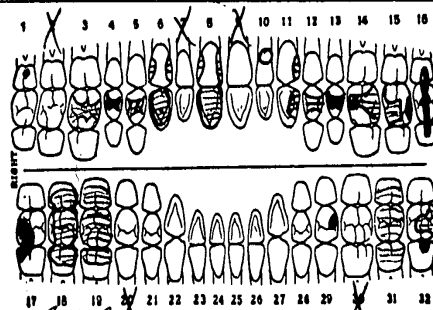
MARKED MALOCCLUSION No

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS No

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES No

DENTURES Partial upper

REMARKS Inlay lost in #15



C. E. KELLY, CAPTAIN (DC) USN

(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE Medium; well developed, well nourished

TEMPERATURE Normal

CHEST AT EXPIRATION 41

HEIGHT 69½

CHEST AT INSPIRATION 43½

WEIGHT 185

CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 34

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE Normal

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS Normal

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) Normal

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) Normal

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) Normal Chest X-ray Neg.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. Normal

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM Normal

HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) Normal

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 80 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 122

AFTER EXERCISE 90 DIASTOLIC 78

THREE MINUTES AFTER 75

CONDITION OF ARTERIES Normal CHARACTER OF PULSE Normal

CONDITION OF VEINS Normal HEMORRHOIDS None

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) Normal

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM Normal

URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.016 ALB. Neg. SUGAR Neg. MICROSCOPICAL Neg.

VENEREAL DISEASE None evident

NERVOUS SYSTEM Normal

(organic or functional disorders)

ROMBERG Neg. INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) None

REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL Normal DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) Normal TREMORS None

SEROLOGICAL TESTS Kahn Neg. BLOOD TYPE None

ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) None

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION None

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES None

DATE OF LAST COURSE None

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE None

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS Septal spur and deviation of septum NCD; Dental caries NCD;

Calcified complex of lung-NCD

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING Strenuous PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS Yes (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause) None

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary) Dental attention.

R. B. COCHRAN, LT. (MC) USN

B. H. SMITH, JR., LT. (MC) USN

DATE OF EXAMINATION 2/6/47

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 12-26-46

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: ASAC A. BELMONT
 NEW YORK CITY
 Request for Annual Leave

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Belmont telephonically contacted the writer today and requested annual leave for December 27, 30 and 31. He pointed out that ASAC Lynch would be in the office for that time and that he, Belmont, would be at home with his wife who is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

I advised him that unless he received word to the contrary by this evening, this would be satisfactory.

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Reminded from
 3-17-58
 W. J. C.

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ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
CAF-14 - \$8,179.50 per annum

Throughout the rating period Mr. Belmont has served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York office, in charge of Division I. This Division handles major cases as well as all security matters, including Communist cases and Russian espionage, as well as Deserter and Selective Service cases. Mr. Belmont has five Supervisors under his direction, the work of Division I being divided into five sections. In his capacity as Assistant Special Agent in Charge, in Division I, Mr. Belmont has under his immediate direction some of the most important cases being handled by the Bureau.

Mr. Belmont has handled the important duties and responsibilities entrusted to him in an outstanding manner. He has demonstrated that he possesses to an exceptional degree the ability to direct involved and difficult cases. He definitely commands the respect of the personnel working under him, and has the ability to inspire good performance on their part. I have noted that instructions issued by him to subordinate personnel are invariably characterized by clarity and conciseness, coupled with keen analysis on his part of the elements and factors involved in the cases concerned. I feel that he commands the respect of both the Agents and the clerical personnel, as well as that of outsiders coming into contact with him. I consider him an exceptionally capable man, possessing a definite knack in the supervision and direction of investigative matters.

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In addition to his ability in investigative matters, he possesses general all around qualifications in the various attributes required of Agents, which make him extremely valuable to the Bureau and to the New York office. He has a keen understanding and appreciation of Bureau policies and procedures. He is a firearms expert and consistently makes very high scores with all types of weapons. He is very well qualified to direct dangerous assignments. He is a qualified Bureau speaker, and talks made by him have been highly commended by organizations before whom he has spoken. In the past he has received Bureau training qualifying him to conduct Bureau inspections. He makes a fine appearance both from the standpoint of his attire and from the intelligence displayed by him in conversation and discussions with others. During the time that I have been associated with him at the New York office he has displayed a most conscientious attitude. I consider him a definite asset to the Bureau. I consider that he is fully qualified in every respect to serve as an Agent in Charge, and it is noted that previous to

becoming an Assistant Special Agent in Charge at New York,
he was Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office.

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ANNUAL

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1947 based on performance during period from April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947

ALAN H. BELMONT

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, CAF-14

(Name of employee)

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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| <u>+</u> (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | <u>+</u> (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| <u>+</u> (2) Mechanical skill. | <u>+</u> (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| <u>+</u> (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | <u>+</u> (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| <u>+</u> (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | <u>+</u> (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| <u>+</u> (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | <u>+</u> (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| <u>+</u> (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | <u>+</u> (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| <u>+</u> (7) Accuracy of operations. | <u>+</u> (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| <u>+</u> (8) Accuracy of final results. | <u>+</u> (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| <u>+</u> (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | <u>+</u> (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| <u>+</u> (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | <u>+</u> (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| <u>+</u> (11) Industry. | <u>+</u> (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| <u>+</u> (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| <u>+</u> (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>no</u>) (Yes or no) | |
| <u>+</u> (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| <u>+</u> (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| <u>+</u> (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| <u>+</u> (17) Initiative. | |
| <u>+</u> (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| <u>+</u> (19) Dependability. | |
| <u>+</u> (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- + (A) Ability to direct and lead a group of Agents on dangerous assignments.
- + (C) Capability for additional responsibility.

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Excellent	Rating official <u>EXCELLENT</u> <i>CHB</i> Reviewing official <i>J. J. E. / res</i>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Unsatisfactory	
Rated by <u>Edward Schmitt</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE EDWARD SCHMITT (Rating official)		March 31, 1947
Reviewed by <u>W. J. Slavin</u> (Signature of reviewing official)		APR 21 1947 (Date)
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ (Date)		Report to employee _____ (Adjective rating)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York 7, New York

March 12, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION
OF THE NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the memorandum of Assistant Director E.J. Connelley to the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office dated February 26, 1947, copies of which were designated for the Bureau, wherein it was pointed out that the case entitled, "MEYER GORDON; JOSEPH DAVID WELCHER, THEFT OF THE HOUSE OF HESSE ROYAL CROWN JEWELS IN GERMANY, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT" was to be directly supervised by Special Agent D.V. Shannon under the supervision of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, R.J. Lynch.

On March 1, 1947, Mr. Lynch discussed the possibilities of the enlarged scope of this investigation as the case develops, with Mr. Connelley, while he was in New York, as well as the desirability of having the previously-mentioned case and all other jewel theft cases in this office correlated by a Special Agent devoting his full time to these jewel theft cases. The Special Agent correlating such work would be under the immediate supervision of a Bureau approved Field Supervisor. The question was also discussed of having all of these jewel theft cases supervised by Section #1, the Major Case Section of this office, rather than by Section #5, the General Criminal Section. Mr. Connelley stated that he had no objections to such a procedure.

The identity of the Special Agent who will correlate the various jewel theft cases was also discussed with Mr. Connelley. Special Agent James J. Kelly was considered, but it was believed more desirable to utilize his services in the investigation as assigned and set forth in reference memorandum of Mr. Connelley. Special Agent T.G. Spencer was also considered. However, it is to be noted that Spencer is handling the informant, GREGORY, in the "GREGORY CASE - ESPIONAGE - R" and because of the present status of that case, he should not be replaced at this time.

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Letter to the Director

March 12, 1947

It is my recommendation to effect the following changes for the purpose of affording appropriate supervision and correlation of the jewel theft cases in this office:

Transfer the MEYER GORDON, ET AL - NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT case and all jewel theft cases to Section #1, under the general supervision of Assistant Special Agent in Charge A.H. Belmont and under the immediate supervision of Supervisor, A.J. Tuohy. Special Agent G.J. Shanklin will be assigned to correlate the activities of all of the jewel theft cases under the immediate supervision of Mr. Tuohy.

Transfer the four Special Agents mentioned in reference memorandum, namely: C.L. Green, M.R. Griffin, J.J. Kelly and C.F. Lanman to Section #1. Also transfer Special Agents [redacted] and J.F. Sullivan, who presently are investigating the various jewel theft cases pending in the New York office to Section #1 where they will continue to investigate such cases

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With regard to the designation of Special Agent G.J. Shanklin for the purpose of correlating the activities of this group, it is to be noted that he has had experience as Relief Supervisor of Section #11, Night Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor of Section #2 of the New York Office. It is my opinion that he definitely has supervisory ability, has shown repeatedly that he has a very fine appreciation of Bureau policies and procedures and is a very good detail man.

As a replacement for Shanklin as Assistant Supervisor of Section #2, it is my intention to use Special Agent E.W. Walsh, who was approved by the Bureau under date of January 20, 1947 as Relief Supervisor of Section #2. It is to be noted that Walsh has been a Special Agent since June 1, 1942, and assigned to the New York Office since May 10, 1943. He is presently in Grade CAF 12 and under date of March 31, 1946, while in Grade CAF 11, he was rated as excellent.

It is my intention to use Special Agent [redacted] as Relief Supervisor of Section #2, replacing Special Agent Walsh in that capacity. [redacted] has been a Special Agent since February 9, 1942 and has been assigned to the New York Office since August 22, 1942. He is presently in Grade CAF 12 and his latest efficiency report dated March 31, 1946, rates him as excellent in Grade CAF 11. In the past, from the manner in which he has handled his own cases and because of the display of imagination in

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Letter to the Director

March 12, 1947

locating and apprehending fugitives, it is my belief that [redacted] will function in a more than satisfactory manner on such occasions as it will be necessary for him to act in the capacity of relief supervisor when the regularly designated supervisor or his assistant is absent.

It is recommended that the Bureau approve the changes as indicated above.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

March 22, 1947

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. A. H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, on February 6, 1947.

This report reflects that you have a nasal septum deviated to the left, dental caries and a calcified complex of the lung.

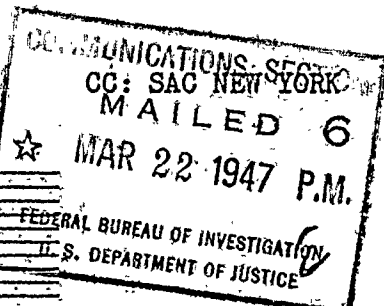
The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital recommends dental attention.

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

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ON 9-23-91

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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July 7, 1947

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$8179.50 per annum to \$8478.75 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective July 27, 1947.

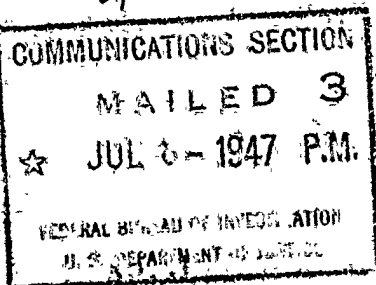
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

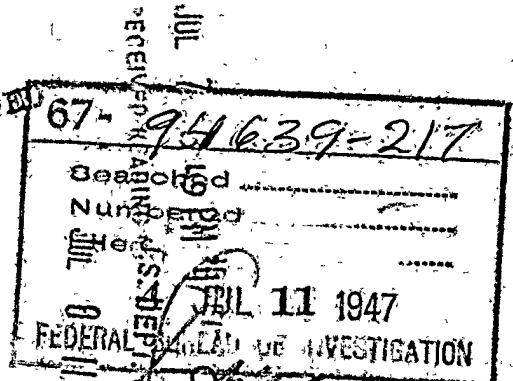
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Movement Section
Mr. W. E. Clark

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Prepared by:
Checked by:
Filed by:

MR. ALAN H. BELMONT

Date

July 7, 1947

Personnel Action Number

F.B.I. - 25067 25507

Legal Authority

Nature of Action

MR. ALAN H. BELMONT
PERIODIC PAY INCREASE

Effective

July 27, 1947

Position

FROM

TO

En. Special Agent

Grade

CAP 14

Salary

\$8179.50

Division

NAME

\$8478.75

and

Section

Headquarters

Appropriations

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or Field

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NATURE OF POSITION

a. VICE

b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

c. NEW

P. C. NO.

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Date of Birth

Date of Oath

REMARKS

From, under the the Auto.
Prom. Bill, Public Law 620 as amended 6/30/45.
Prom. fr. SAC3, CAP 13, \$6650 to CAP 14
\$7175 eff. 1/14/46, DOI to \$8179.50 eff. 7/1/46.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 15, 1947, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Address 19 Bronxville Road, Bronxville N.Y.
Relationship wife Dated 6-30-47

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name same as above Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,

Alvin H. Belmont
Special Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. _____

M Alan H. BelmontDate May 20, 1947

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau

FBI

Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ agent

Beginning

Terminating C. O. B.

Indefinite []*

Remarks

Deduct 8 hours on May 17, 1947

J. Edgar Hoover

*IMPORTANT:

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

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11 MAY 24 1947
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[Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin ✓

DATE: 6-26-47

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: Alan H. Belmont
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
New York Office

RE: UPA PROMOTION

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

This employee entered on duty as a Special Agent on 11-30-36 and was reallocated to Grade CAF 14, \$7175 per annum on 1-14-46. Due to a basic increase in pay, effective 7-1-46, his salary was increased to \$8179.50 per annum. He is eligible for a promotion under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act, effective 7-27-47.

He was considered for a meritorious promotion on 2-13-46, however, in view of the fact that he was recently reallocated with an appropriate salary increase, it was suggested that his meritorious increase be held in abeyance at that time and Mr. Tolson agreed.

On 3-31-47, SAC Scheidt rated him EXCELLENT.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that he be afforded a \$299.25 promotion under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act from \$8179.50 to \$8478.75 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective 7-27-47.

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Letter to Wagon

234 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, 7, New York

July 18th, 1947

PERSONAL

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While undoubtedly you realize the great satisfaction experienced by all Bureau agents following the signing of the retirement bill by President Truman, I want to express to you personally my deep appreciation for the extended personal effort you must have put into the measure for it to achieve success.

I feel deeply that this retirement bill is a very fine thing for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I wanted you to know that we in the field realize that the bill would not have even received serious consideration unless you had personally backed it to the limit and other high Bureau officials at the Seat of Government had devoted every effort to it.

Thank you very much, Mr. Hoover.

Sincerely yours,

Alan H. Belmont
Alan H. Belmont

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Miss Gandy.....

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July 22, 1947

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

Many thanks for your note relative to the passage by Congress of the Retirement Bill and the signing of it by the President.

Such remarks are heart-warming but this legislation would never have been passed were it not for the fine, upstanding young men we have in the Bureau. The passage of this bill has shown the confidence and the high standing this Bureau has attained in the eyes of the public and it is most necessary that the Bureau maintain its tried and experienced personnel in order that it may continue to operate on a high level and serve the public to the best of its ability. It is very gratifying that both Houses of Congress saw fit to unanimously pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

W. J. Edgar Hoover

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DATE 7-22-47
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March 29, 1948

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

A letter has been transmitted to Special Agent in Charge Scheidt expressing my appreciation of the accomplishments of the New York Office in preparing to handle the problem of the detention of Communists in the event of an emergency.

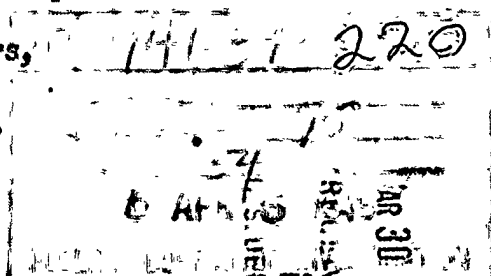
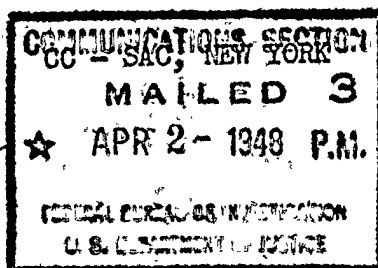
Since Mr. Scheidt was attending In-Service training at the Seat of Government during the greater portion of the period concerned, I want you to know that I personally appreciate your efforts in making this accomplishment of the New York Office possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

LW:VLMJ

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For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 15, 1948, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name LORETTA D. BELMONT Address 19 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, NY
Relationship Wife Dated 2/10/48

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name LORETTA D. BELMONT Address 19 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, NY
Relationship Wife Dated 2/10/48

Very truly yours,

Paul H. Belmont
Special Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAYNo. 0 12957M. Alan H. BelmontDate February 14, 1948

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau

FBIDepartment ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ agent

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J. Edgar Hoover

*IMPORTANT:

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 24, 1947

I certify that I have ~~received~~ the following Government property for official use.
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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT.

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Very truly yours,

A. H. Belmont
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Name: BELMONT, ALAN H.

Position: ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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Salary: CAF-4 - \$8478.75

Office of Preference: No preference

Examination: Agent's 96.75

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SAC SCHEIDT:

Mr. Belmont has served for some time as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Division I of the New York Office, which Division handles Major Cases as well as Security Matters, including Communist and Russian matters, Deserter and Selective Service matters, Impersonation, NMVTA, SDAA and various other categories. He also has in his Division the SUTEC section which handles the installation and supervision of Technical Operations and Equipment. He has five Supervisors under his immediate direction and in his capacity as Assistant SAC in Division I has under his immediate direction some of the most important cases being handled by the Bureau. He is extremely capable and handles his important responsibilities in a most outstanding manner. To an exceptional degree he has the ability to direct difficult and involved cases. He definitely commands the respect of the personnel working under him and in all respects possesses the qualities and attributes for the position in which he is serving. He is fully capable in every respect to serve as an Agent in Charge, and before becoming Assistant SAC at New York he was Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Office. (U)

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INSPECTOR GURNEA:

Belmont makes an excellent impression. He is businesslike, substantial and enthusiastic. Mr. Belmont is an ASAC in the New York Office, is well aware of his responsibilities, commands natural respect of his men and has merited their confidence. He is outstanding.

Inspection Report
New York Office
Inspector Gurnea
Interviewed by SAC J. E. Thornton
October 29, 1947.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *✓*

DATE: 8/5/47

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ANNUAL LEAVE
ASSISTANT SAC A. H. BELMONT

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Assistant SAC Belmont called today and stated that he was desirous of securing annual leave from 3:30 p.m. August 8 through 5:30 p.m. August 22. He is planning on taking a trip to Iowa to visit his wife's family. He said during the period he would be absent that Mr. Scheidt and Assistant SAC Lynch would be in the office.

Mr. Belmont was advised that unless he heard to the contrary it would be satisfactory for him to take this leave.

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W. J. [Signature]

ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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Throughout the rating period, Mr. Belmont has continued to serve as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York office, in charge of Division I. This Division handles major cases, as well as all security matters, including Communist cases and Russian espionage, deserter and Selective Service cases, general investigations and the [SUITEC] section. Mr. Belmont has five Supervisors under his direction, the work of Division I being divided into five sections. In his capacity as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Division I, Mr. Belmont has under his immediate direction some of the most important cases being handled by the Bureau. (U)

The important duties of Assistant Special Agent in Charge have been performed by Mr. Belmont in an outstanding and exceptional manner. Mr. Belmont makes an excellent personal appearance, possesses a splendid personality, dresses neatly, and exercises initiative, resourcefulness, force, and aggressiveness, in a very outstanding manner. He is a capable dictator and operates an automobile properly. He makes an excellent impression on the witness stand. He is exceptionally well qualified for supervising dangerous assignments, physical surveillances, and difficult and complicated investigations. He makes a splendid impression in his contacts with law enforcement officials and others, has the ability to organize and initiate investigations and to accept and discharge responsibility without supervision. He is in excellent physical condition. APR 2 1948

Mr. Belmont has demonstrated that he possesses the quality of leadership. He definitely commands the respect of the personnel working under him and is able to inspire good performance on their part. I have noted that instructions issued by him to subordinate personnel are invariably characterized by clarity and conciseness, coupled with keen analysis on his part of the elements and factors involved in the cases concerned. I consider him an exceptionally capable man in the supervision of investigative matters.

In all respects his services have been eminently satisfactory. In addition to having high intelligence, he possesses keen enthusiasm and is a hard worker. He has the ability to get results in matters entrusted to him and is invaluable to the office. Mr. Belmont is fully qualified in every respect to serve as an Agent in Charge. APR 13 1948

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Charge, and it is noted that he has served as Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office prior to becoming the Assistant Special Agent in Charge at New York.

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ALAN H. BELMONT ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE CAF-14
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION.

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

<p>ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE</p> <p>V if adequate</p> <p>- if weak</p> <p>+ if outstanding</p>	<p>1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A.</p> <p>2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.</p> <p>3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position.</p> <p>a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions.</p> <p>b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i>.</p>	<p>CHECK ONE:</p> <p>Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All others <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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- ☒ (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
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- ☒ (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- ☒ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- ☐ (7) Accuracy of operations.
- ☒ (8) Accuracy of final results.
- ☒ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- ☒ (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
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- ☒ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
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- ☒ (18) Resourcefulness.
- ☒ (19) Dependability.
- ☒ (20) Physical fitness for the work.

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- ~~+~~ (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- ~~+~~ (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- ~~+~~ (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- ~~+~~ (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- ~~+~~ (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- ~~+~~ (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- ~~+~~ (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- ~~+~~ (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- ~~+~~ (30) Ability to make decisions.
- ~~+~~ (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- + (A) Capability for additional responsibility.

STANDARD		Adjective Rating
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Plus marks on all underlined elements, and check marks or better on all other elements rated.....	Excellent	Rating official.. EXCELLEN
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Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance not overcompensated by outstanding performance.....	Fair	
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Rated by <u>Edward J. Schmidt</u>	Special Agent in Charge	March 31, 1948
<u>EDWARD J. SCHMIDT</u>	(Title) Assistant Director,	(Date)
	Federal Bureau of Investigation	4-16-48 W
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I HAVE DISCUSSED THE DETAILS OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF ALAN H. BELMONT WITH BELMONT AND SAC O-CONNER DETROIT AFTER LATTER HAD DISCUSSED SAME WITH U. S. ATTORNEY THORNTON, DETROIT AND SOME MINOR CHANGES WERE MADE CONSISTANT WITH MEMORAY-XX MEMORY OF BELMONT AND SUGGESTION OF USA. WE HAVE FURTHER ELIMINATED USE OF WORD REPORTS TO AVOID BUREAU REPORTS BEING BROUGHT IN ISSUE AT HEARING. THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SHOW NO ADVICE OF THESE MATTERS GIVEN BY ZMESKAL TO BELMONT AS SUPERVISOR OF THE CASE WHICH ALSO ELIMINATES ANY SUCH HAVING BEEN GIVEN IN ~~WRT-XX~~ WRITTEN REPORT. THE ¹⁹⁴⁸ ~~USA~~ BELIEVES THE AFFIDAVIT WILL TEND TO DEFINITELY DISCREDIT CLAIMS OF ZMESKAL AND WILL SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH BELMONT HIS TESTIMONY IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR HIM TO APPEAR PERSONALLY. IT IS NOT BELIEVED ANY USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY JAN INTERVIEW OF ZMESKAL AND HE WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 28, 1948

FROM : R. T. HARBO

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 09-21-2010

SUBJECT: FIRE IN FBI STORAGE SPACE AT 641 WASHINGTON STREET, NEW YORK CITY,
ROOM 425, APRIL 24, 1948.

1 A. H. BELMONT
The fire in FBI storage space on Saturday evening, April 24, did little damage to the building. It consumed seven bags of trash which had been obtained from a confidential informant the preceding day and had been processed. The contents of the seven bags were of no value. Several empty wooden boxes were also burned. The main damage was to cartons of Ford parts which were seized several years ago in the case entitled Samuel Rimar, with aliases, et al, NSPA. Most of the parts were metal and probably were not damaged by the fire. However, it is estimated that one fourth of the cardboard cartons containing Ford parts were broken open and the parts commingled. Either the cardboard was burned or partly burned, or the cartons broke open because they were wet and would not support the weight of the contents when the firemen undertook to move them. Some of the parts consisted of headlight lenses which were broken. It is probable that the majority of the Ford parts can be cleaned and repacked, although this will involve considerable work since many of the parts are very small.

Summary of Events Related to Fire

Thirteen bags of trash were received on Friday morning from a confidential informant in the usual manner. This was processed by five employees, the material of value selected therefrom, and oily rags and similar items were removed and placed in a covered metal container. The remaining trash, which consisted solely of paper, was placed in the burlap bags. Six of these burlap bags filled with trash were placed in the one portion of the wire enclosed area which contained the Ford parts, and the other seven were placed in a two-foot aisle along the east side of the enclosure. The bags were covered with blankets in accordance with the usual practice so that they would not be readily visible to any non-Bureau personnel who might conceivably enter the space. The wire enclosure was locked and the employees participating in the handling of the trash left the storage space properly locked at 3:45 P.M. on April 23.

On Saturday, April 24, three clerical employees were assigned to conduct a weekly dusting and cleaning of the storage space, since the operation involving a trash coverage results in much dust due to the unclean nature of the trash material. These employees were in the storeroom from approximately 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. on April 24. After completing the cleaning they locked up the premises and departed. No other Bureau employees were in the storage space until the fire occurred. The building superintendent has two keys to the room but he advised these keys were not available to other employees on this date and to the best of his knowledge no building employee was in the Bureau storage space.

Shortly before 7:00 P.M. on April 24 the field office night supervisor received telephonic notification of the fire from the building guards at 641

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Re: Fire in FBI Storage Space, New York City

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Washington Street. Special Agent [redacted] and Bennett Willis, Jr. were sent to the scene, arriving at approximately 7:05 P.M. They found that the fire had been extinguished and several firemen were in the process of hauling cartons containing automobile parts out of the fenced in area. Some of the boxes were smoldering at the time. The Agents requested the firemen to attempt to keep the boxes intact and soak them rather than tear them apart as they had been doing. The majority of the cartons containing automobile parts were wet but were not burned or opened during the course of the fire. It is estimated that approximately one fourth to one third of the cartons containing parts were opened and the contents dropped to the floor.

In addition to the firemen a building guard and the building engineer were in the room when the Agents arrived. The acting chief in charge of the firemen advised that the fire alarm had been received at the station at approximately 6:24 P.M. and that the firemen had responded in a matter of two or three minutes. The firemen left at approximately 8:30 P.M. and FBI Agents were stationed there to protect the Bureau property therein.

A building guard and the building engineer, upon hearing the building fire alarm ring, went to Room 425 (the Bureau storage space) and not having a key to the room with them forced the floor open. They saw the fire was beyond their power to control and turned in a manual alarm to the fire department.

SAC Scheidt received advice of the fire at his residence shortly after 7:00 and immediately proceeded to the scene accompanied by ASAC Whelan and took charge.

Results of My Inquiry

Pursuant to instructions I proceeded to New York on April 25 and examined the scene and interviewed all personnel who had been at the storage space on the preceding Friday or Saturday. The storage space is a large room approximately 45 feet by 75 feet; the building is under the jurisdiction of the United States Post Office Department. In the northwest corner of the space is a heavy wire cage fencing off an area approximately 15 feet by 25 feet. This is secured by a padlock, keys to which are in possession of Bureau personnel only. Inside this cage were all of the automobile parts previously referred to. A complete inventory of the bulky exhibits in the storage space will indicate whether any other bulky evidence was inside the fire area.

Upon entering Room 425 it is noted that cabinets, desks and tables have been arranged in such a way as to roughly partition off an area of approximately 10 feet by 14 feet, within which is situated a desk and a telephone. Under the office instructions/no smoking was permitted in the storeroom space (Room 425) except

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within this designated area immediately adjacent to the telephone desk. I interviewed all of the employees who were at the storage space on Friday, April 23, and those who were there on Saturday, April 24. Attached hereto are statements taken from each of the employees. Some of the employees did not smoke at all, others smoked a few cigarettes, but all were uniformly consistent in stating that they smoked only within the designated area in compliance with office rules. The distance between the point at which the fire originated and the space within which smoking was permitted was approximately 25 feet. At the end of the day Friday the ash trays were emptied into an empty metal container. The same procedure was followed on Saturday immediately prior to the departure of the employees from the storage space.

On Friday, Special Agent [redacted] was in charge of the detail handling the examination of the trash. Others present were Special Employees [redacted]

On Saturday the three clerical employees who were sent to clean up the storage space were [redacted]. During the time these three clerks were at the storage space Special Agent [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] a clerical supervisor, visited the space from approximately 10:55 to 11:25 A.M. for the purpose of inspecting the premises.

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All of the employees involved in the handling of the trash coverage on Friday, April 23, stated that the trash was examined piece by piece, that such items as oily rags, oily paper, or paper with any other obviously foreign substance was taken out of the general trash and placed in a covered metal can. On this date one of the employees remembered finding a paper match book containing two unburned matches which were removed, burned and placed in an empty metal container, of which there were several in the space. One of the employees observed a small can marked inflammable of the type used for "canned heat". This can was empty but was removed from the general trash and placed in the covered metal can. The trash which was selected as of possible value to the Bureau was segregated and wrapped for personal delivery to the field office. The remaining worthless trash was replaced in the burlap bags. Six of these were placed on a small hand truck at the south end of the wire enclosure and the other seven bags were placed along the east side of the wire enclosure. All bags were inside the enclosure and were covered with blankets.

The employees who were in the storage space on Saturday did not observe any smoke whatsoever in the area. There were several large boxes lined up along the east side of the wire enclosure on the outside of the enclosure. It will be recalled that the seven bags of trash were on the inside of this wire enclosure. Other bulky material was stored near these empty boxes on the outside of the enclosure so that it was not possible to get closer than five or six feet and possibly farther than that away from the point where the fire was later ascertained

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to have started. Most of the work of the three clerical employees was performed in the other half of the large storeroom space where they spent some time rearranging the \$60,000 worth of cotton goods recovered in a hijacking case earlier the same week. The material was rearranged so as to be more widely distributed and thus not place an undue strain on the floor supports. This material was mostly in wooden boxes and apparently was not damaged. There were eight automatic sprinklers in the room which went off during the fire but they were limited to an area where the water caused little if any damage.

The employees who were present in the storage space on Saturday did not enter the wire enclosure which was the actual scene of the fire. All employees stated that the only smoking done was in the immediate vicinity of the telephone desk.

Mr. D. J. Parsons of the Laboratory made an examination of the fire scene for the purpose of establishing as definitely as possible the point of origin of the fire and to ascertain any information which might shed light on the cause of the fire. The fire definitely originated within the wire screen approximately three feet from the masonry wall and approximately two feet from the wire enclosure along the east side. This means that the fire started either in the trash or immediately adjacent thereto. Since there is no reasonable theory to explain how the fire could start in the Ford parts which were adjacent to the trash bags it is probable that the fire started in the trash. There were no electrical outlets other than those in the ceiling; there were no steam pipes or other heating system pipes in that immediate area; and no evidence of any device which had been intentionally placed there to start a fire.

The possibility of a cigarette or a spark from a cigarette having accidentally started this fire can almost certainly be eliminated since no one had been within the wire enclosure since Friday, and any smoldering which would have been in existence from Friday would definitely have been observed by the employees who were in the storeroom on Saturday. An additional possibility as to the cause of the fire which cannot be eliminated is the possibility of mice carrying matches into the area. According to Mr. Parsons this has been established as the cause in some industrial fires. There definitely are many mice in this building. Agents reported that there were numerous mice there Saturday night after the fire, and I personally observed mice when I visited the space.

The trash handled on Friday consisted of miscellaneous Communist pamphlets, miscellaneous newspapers including the Daily Worker, mats for prior issues of the Daily Worker, and miscellaneous office waste. Mr. Parsons feels, in view of his examination of the fire scene and the other circumstances which I advised him of, that in his opinion the most plausible explanation as to the cause of the fire is spontaneous ignition. He thinks that is entirely possible and reasonable. He

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examined some of the rags which had been removed from these bags of trash and saw nothing in the debris which was obviously a spontaneous ignition hazard, but he is of the opinion that with compact newspaper print and paper such as he observed to remain unburned and partly burned, that there were many materials which even in small amounts could cause spontaneous heating.

In view of the information obtained during interviews with the personnel involved, examination of the fire scene, and the observations of Mr. Parsons, it is my conclusion that the fire did not result from negligence on the part of Bureau personnel, but was the result of spontaneous ignition.

Inquiries by Other Agencies

The official report submitted by the acting chief of the fire unit which attended the fire indicates that the duration of the fire was five minutes, the time firemen were on duty was two hours, the estimated loss to the building trifling, the estimated loss to contents trifling.

On Monday, April 26, representatives of the United States Post Office Department visited the fire scene inasmuch as the building is under their jurisdiction. The attitude of these inspectors was very reasonable and there was no indication that they regarded the cause of the fire as carelessness. They indicated they concluded that the cause of the fire was spontaneous ignition and that they were submitting a report on the fire to their Washington headquarters indicating that the fire was of unknown origin.

A representative of the City Fire Marshal's Office also visited the scene on Monday, April 26. After a brief examination he was unable to furnish any additional suggestions as to how the fire might have occurred. So far as he was concerned it was a fire of unknown origin.

There was no publicity concerning this fire.

Action Taken

I left with SAC Scheidt two copies of a memorandum instructing that in the absence of contrary instructions from the Bureau he should take the following action in this matter.

(1) Make a complete inventory to establish the extent of the loss in the case involving Ford parts (Samuel Rimar, with aliases, NSPA) and also to establish definitely whether any evidence in any other cases may have been destroyed or damaged.

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(2) In the process of taking this inventory the Ford parts should be cleaned and put in presentable condition. The automobile mechanic who is an employee of the New York office should be in a position to advise the necessary procedure to follow in this regard. I pointed out that it will be necessary to examine all of the Ford parts, including those still in cardboard cartons, since they were exposed to water and possibly will rust unless they are cleaned and suitable treated. After a few days' experience in working on these parts SAC Scheidt is to advise the Bureau as to the scope of the job involved and as to any observations or suggestions which he might have.

(3) Submit to the Bureau a letter setting forth the result of the inventory, when completed, a statement of the shortage and of any damage to the property. Include a statement as to any other pertinent matters such as loss of identifying marks which may have been placed on the cardboard cartons (in which the Ford parts were stored before the fire) by Agents who recovered the property, or any other items which might be pertinent to the prosecution or any other steps in the final determination of this case and the ultimate disposition of the property. Interested offices should receive a copy of this letter.

(4) The letter mentioned in the preceding paragraph should include Mr. Scheidt's observations and recommendations as to what information, if any, needs to be submitted to the United States Attorney handling prosecution in this case or to the Department in connection with any possible claim for damages against the United States by the person, finally adjudicated to be the rightful owner of the property. This applies both to the automobile parts involved in the Samuel Rimar case and also to any other case in which evidence in possession of the FBI was consumed or damaged.

(U) (5) No more trash obtained through confidential informants [] and [] should be brought into the warehouse space until arrangements are effected whereby it can be processed and removed from the building on the same day in order to reduce the fire hazard.

(6) In view of the fire on April 24 no smoking should be permitted in Room 425 at the warehouse, 641 Washington Street, unless and until contrary advice is received from the Bureau. This instruction was issued solely as an additional precaution against fire. It is noted that any smoking in Room 425 in the past has been limited to a small area adjacent to the telephone desk which is just inside the entrance to Room 425, and there is no indication of carelessness with reference to smoking in this space. Neither is there any indication that the former office rule with reference to smoking in Room 425 had any direct connection with the fire on April 24.

Recommendations

(1) That a letter be sent to SAC Scheidt confirming the instructions which I gave him if they are approved.

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Re: Fire in FBI Storage Space, New York City

(2) Upon receipt of a report from the New York office presenting the final inventory and detailed statement as to property destroyed or damaged, then consideration should be given as to what action, if any, is necessary with reference to advising the United States Attorney handling prosecution in the case, or in furnishing information to the Department in connection with any claim which may be made against the government by the owner of the property. It is suggested that the Investigative Division follow up on this and all other problems of an evidentiary nature since the cartons which may have had Agents' notations have been destroyed and since a considerable portion of the evidence is commingled. It may be that the parts which are now commingled were seized from two or more separate subjects. This cannot be ascertained until the inventory is completed.

(3) Issue instructions to all field offices that no trash received from confidential informants is to be kept in Bureau space overnight; that the trash is to be processed and disposed of the same day it is received. It is suggested that this letter also instruct that a survey be made by each Special Agent in Charge as to the handling of office trash as distinguished from trash received from confidential informants to be sure that there is no fire hazard involved; further, that the inspectors be instructed to look into this specifically during the course of field office inspections.

It is believed that the cleaning of the Ford parts should be expedited as much as possible because it was noted on Monday, April 26, that some of them had already started to rust. The job of cleaning and repacking the auto parts will be a very big job, because of the large number of individual parts, but in view of all the circumstances I do not see any alternative to undertaking to put them in the best possible condition.

New York, New York

April 26, 1948

MEMO

RE: FIRE WAREHOUSE AT 641 Washington Street
Room 425 - April 24, 1948

At approximately 9:00 AM on April 26, 1948, accompanied by Mr. Donald Parsons of the Bureau and Supervisor Marchessault, I went to the warehouse at 641 Washington Street in order that Mr. Parsons might examine the scene of the fire to ascertain, if possible, the cause. Mr. Parsons will, of course, present his report to Mr. Harbo.

This memo is to note that very shortly after our arrival at the warehouse, I instructed that the six remaining bags of trash be removed at once and that the partly burned trash in the cage housing the Ford parts be removed immediately thereafter so that if there was any inspection by outsiders, our activities in the handling of this trash would not become known. Subsequent to the removal of the six bags, but prior to the removal of the semi-burned portion of the trash, Mr. MARSHALL OGLE, Inspector of Buildings, U. S. Post Office; Mr. WHITNEY DRAGON, Inspection Engineer of the U. S. Post Office and Mr. PAUL WORTH, District Engineer, came to the door and requested permission to look over the scene of the fire in order that they could determine what had caused the fire. Inasmuch as any attempt to bar their entrance would unnecessarily excite suspicion, I welcomed them and they made a rather thorough examination of the scene, finally coming to the conclusion that the fire originated in a corner of the cage housing the Ford parts. This corner, of course, was where several burlap sacks of trash had been stored. They poked around the residue which was fairly closely packed and appeared to be principally newspapers. From my observation the only items which were visible and legible were several copies of the Daily Worker. No comment was made concerning the nature of this residue with the exception of the following: Inasmuch as personnel of the building know that we take burlap sacks of material into the building on week days, I mentioned that there had been some paper material stored in that particular point temporarily. Mr. OGLE mentioned to the others that undoubtedly this material was of evidentiary nature and therefore it was necessary that it be kept. No comment whatsoever was made of the type of material the paper was made up of. I advised these

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gentlemen that of course, we did not know how the fire was started; that we were extremely careful and had been right along, concerning any possible fire hazard; that there was no smoking allowed in the vicinity, but that in order to be doubly sure, hereafterward, we would not store any such material in the room overnight. The attitude of these inspectors was very reasonable and there was no indication whatsoever that they regarded the cause of the fire as carelessness-- in fact, Mr. OGLE and Mr. DRAGON, both remarked that they had been in the room on a number of occasions, when someone was there, and had noted the orderly content and arrangement of the room. These gentlemen came to the conclusion that the cause of the fire was the spontaneous ignition of the material in this corner of the cage. I advised them that as soon as we had cleared out the burned material, they should feel free to examine the floors and walls, etc. for any possible weakening as a result of the fire. They said they would do this.

At 11:15 AM, upon my return to my office, I received a call from Fire Marshal Brophy. He inquired whether we were conducting an investigation of the fire and indicated that he did not want to interfere with our activities in this regard; that his men got the impression Saturday night that we would handle the investigation and he did not want them to interfere. I advised Marshal Brophy that we had had some evidence in the room and naturally the agents had been very careful because of that in making the room open to general inspection; that they had wanted to safeguard the evidence and probably that was why the Marshal's men got the impression they were not to make any investigation. I advised Marshal Brophy that we did not want to interfere with his activities in any way; that he should go right ahead as he normally does in such cases and conduct an investigation and we would appreciate any suggestions he might make thereafter. He wanted to know whether anything had been moved after the fire and he was advised that there had; that we were attempting to clean the place up. He then said that it did not appear that much of an investigation could be made, but he would send a man over. I suggested that his representative contact supervisor Marchessault who is at the warehouse.

About noon, a Mr. DELANEY of the Post Office Department, REctor 2-9100, ext. 510 called to say that he would like to know who was in charge of our space at 641 Washington Street. Upon my return from lunch I called Mr. Delaney. He advised that he was superintendent at 90 Church Street and was merely calling in behalf of Mr. ROSEK, supervising superintendent of buildings

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at the Main Post Office, Pennsylvania 6-7700, ext. 693; that Mr. ROSEN had asked him to ascertain the name of the individual in charge of the space at 641 D. Washington Street. At my request, Mr. Harbessault suggested to Mr. DRAGON that he call Mr. ROSEN and make a report on this matter to him inasmuch as he had inspected the premises. Mr. DRAGON, however, advised that Mr. ROSEN knew that he and Mr. GLE were down there and apparently wanted a report from the FBI as to what had caused the fire. I thereupon called Mr. ROSEN's office. However, he was not in at the time and his representative advised that he would call me back.

At approximately 2:00 PM, Mr. ROSEN called me back to advise that it was necessary for him to make a report of this fire to his Washington Headquarters and that his report was going to be to the effect that this fire was of unknown origin and the origin cannot be determined. He wanted to know whether we had any different theory on the matter. I advised that insofar as we knew, his theory is correct; we did not know how it started and it did not appear there was any method whereby the origin of the fire could be determined.

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GESTS ASSISTANT SAC BELMONT, NEW YORK, PREPARE FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT,

QUOTE. ALAN H. BELMONT, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN ON OATH, DEPOSES AND

STATES THAT HE IS A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND WAS SUCH DURING THE YEARS OF

NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND NINETEEN FORTY THREE. THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF

SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, TO MARCH ONE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE,

AS SUCH SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, HE WAS

ASSIGNED TO WORK AT THE CHICAGO OFFICE OF SAID BUREAU, AND APPROXIMATELY

THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, WAS ASSIGNED TO IMMEDIATE

CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE BUREAU PERSONNEL EN-

GAGED IN THE MATTER LOOKING TO THE APPREHENSION OF ROGER TOUHY, ETAL,

WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY ESCAPED FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET,

ILLINOIS, OCTOBER NINE, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, AND WHO WERE BEING SOUGHT FOR

FOR VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL LAW. ON DECEMBER TWENTY NINETEEN

FORTY TWO, ROGER TOUHY AND THE OTHERS WHO HAD ESCAPED WITH HIM HAD ALL

BEEN RETURNED TO CUSTODY.

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE INVESTIGATION, OCTOBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN

FORTY TWO, UNTIL JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION

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WAS BEING CARRIED ON, AND DURING SUCH PERIOD [REDACTED] WAS ONE OF THE SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, AND [REDACTED] ENGAGED IN VARIOUS INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER SUCH SUPERVISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTER OF ROGER TOUHY, ETAL.

[REDACTED] IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CERTAIN INQUIRY IN THIS MATTER, WHICH INCLUDED CONTACT WITH JOHN FACTOR ALIAS JAKE THE BARBER, TO DETERMINE IF SAID JOHN FACTOR WAS IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE LOCATION OF ROGER TOUHY, ETAL. [REDACTED] MADE THESE CONTACTS STARTING THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, AT CHICAGO AND CONTINUED ^{SAME} FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL THE APPREHENSION OF ROGER TOUHY, ETAL. THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO CONDUCT INQUIRY THROUGH FACTOR IN ORDER TO LEARN ANYTHING WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE APPREHENSION OF THESE FUGITIVES IT WAS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO COUNSEL WITH OR FURNISH PROTECTION TO FACTOR, A POLICE FUNCTION, THE RESPONSIBILITY AS TO WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN UPON THEMSELVES AND WHICH APPARENTLY THEY WERE CARRYING OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTACTS THEY HAD MADE WITH JOHN FACTOR AFTER THE ESCAPE OF ROGER TOUHY, ETAL.

[REDACTED] WAS NOT ADVISED OR INSTRUCTED TO TELL FACTOR THAT THE TOUHY GANG WOULD MAKE A DESPERATE EFFORT TO REACH FACTOR FOR

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REVENGE BECAUSE OF HIS TESTIMONY IN THE TRIAL OF ROGER YXXX TONHY, ETAL,
OR THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY KIDNAP FACTOR FOR RANSOM TO OBTAIN MONEY.

[] WAS NOT ADVISED OR INSTRUCTED OR ASSIGNED TO TELL FACTOR
AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY NOT TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC, AVOID DRIVING
HIS OWN CAR, OR TO TELL THEM NOT TO ANSWER THE DOOR UNLESS THEY WERE
POSITIVE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE CALLER, THESE BEING MATTERS WHICH XXX
WOULD COME WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE CHICAGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN FURNISHING PROTECTION TO JOHN FACTOR.

[] WAS NOT ADVISED OR INSTRUCTED TO TELL FACTOR, AND HE,
[] WAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO TELL FACTOR, THAT THE FBI WOULD MAIN-
TAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER FACTOR AND HIS RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO SEE THAT
PROPER PRECAUTIONS WERE BEING OBSERVED. [] WAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY,
IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, TO CONDUCT SUCH SURVEILLANCE OF
FACTOR OR HIS RESIDENCE. [] WAS NOT INSTRUCTED AT ANY TIME TO AD-
VISE FACTOR AS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION. [] FUNCTION
WAS, AS HE WAS ASSIGNED AND INSTRUCTED, TO LEARN ANY INFORMATION WHICH
FACTOR MIGHT HAVE WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE LOCATION OF THE FUGITIVES.

[] WAS NOT INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW FACTOR AT ANY TIME OR TO
STATION HIMSELF IN THE LOBBY OF FACTOR'S HOTEL IN ORDER TO BE ASSURED
THE PRECAUTIONS WERE BEING TAKEN FOR FACTOR'S XXX SAFETY. THIS WAS A
FUNCTION OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

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[REDACTED] DID NOT AT ANY TIME IN THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY HIM COVERING HIS INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY, REPORT TO THE FBI THE FOLLOWING. 1. THAT HE HAD ADVISED FACTOR THAT IN HIS OPINION THE TOUHY GANG WOULD MAKE DESPERATE EFFORTS TO REACH FACTOR, FIRST, IN ORDER TO GET REVENGE ON HIM FOR THE PART HE PLAYED IN THEIR CONVICTION, AND, SECOND, BECAUSE THEY NEEDED MONEY, THEY MIGHT TRY TO OBTAIN RANSOM BY KIDNAPING HIM. 2. THAT HE HAD ADVISED FACTOR NOT TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC, NOT TO DRIVE HIS OWN CAR, AND NOT TO ANSWER THE DOOR UNLESS HE WAS POSITIVE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE CALLER. 3. THAT HE HAD ADVISED FACTOR THAT THE FBI WOULD MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER FACTOR AND HIS RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO SEE THAT PROPER PRECAUTIONS WERE BEING OBSERVED. 4. THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAD ESTABLISHED HIMSELF IN THE LOBBY OF FACTOR'S HOTEL IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE PEOPLE AND IN ORDER TO BE ASSURED THAT PRECAUTIONS WERE BEING TAKEN FOR FACTOR'S SAFETY.

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[REDACTED] DID NOT REPORT THAT FACTOR WAS BECOMING MORE FEARFUL AND THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY UNDER GREAT NERVOUS STRAIN FOR HIS SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF HIS FAMILY.

[REDACTED] DID NOT REPORT THAT JOHN FACTOR HAD ADVISED HIM, [REDACTED] THAT HE, FACTOR, HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT AND DAY FROM PERSONS UNKNOWN TO FACTOR WHO REFUSED TO GIVE

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THEIR NAMES AND WHO ~~PRXXX~~ PURPORTED TO BE FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES OF TOUHY AND WHO WARNED FACTOR THAT TOUHY WOULD GET HIM AND THAT IF TOUHY MISSED HIM IN CHICAGO HE WOULD GET HIM IN CEDAR RAPIDS. JOHN FACTOR DID NOT BY ANY OTHER METHOD REPORT SUCH CALLS TO THE FBI.

HE FURTHER STATES THAT IF ANY SUCH TYPE OF CALLS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BUREAU BY [REDACTED], PROVIDED HE HAD ANY ~~SUBXXX~~ ~~SU-XXX~~ SUCH INFORMATION IN HIS ~~PSXX~~ POSSESSION, IT WOULD HAVE INDICATED A SITUATION WARRANTING INQUIRY LOOKING TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF LOCATING THE FUGITIVES WHO WERE BEING SOUGHT. NO SUCH INFORMATION WAS REPORTED BY [REDACTED]

IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS AND ALL MATTERS CONCERNED OF A SIMILAR NATURE, IT WAS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION THAT ACCURATE REPORTS BE SUBMITTED BY ALL AGENTS ENGAGED IN SUCH INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] AND HE, [REDACTED], WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, IT BEING A REQUIREMENT COVERED IN TRAINING, ORAL INSTRUCTION AND WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL. UNQUOTE.

ASAC BELMONT SHOULD CONSULT REPORTS JOHN F. HENNESSEY, OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, AND [REDACTED], OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, IN MATTER OF ROGER TOUHY, WAS, ETAL, ESCAPE JOLIET, ETC., SS, WHICH CONTAIN NO REFERENCE CONTACT [REDACTED] WITH FACTOR REPORT ALAN H. BELMONT, NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, FORTY TWO, SAME SUBJECT MATTER

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WHERE ON PAGES SIXTY EIGHT AND SIXTY NINE FACTOR IS REFERRED TO BY SYMBOL, REPORT BELMONT, DECEMBER THIRD, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, PAGE TWENTY EIGHT, WHERE FACTOR REFERRED TO BY SYMBOL, AND PAGE ONE THIRTY THREE SHOWS LEAD TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FACTOR. TELETYPE CHICAGO TO DIRECTOR NOVEMBER THREE, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, INDICATES CONTACTS BEING MADE WITH FACTOR AND NOTATION [] WAS HANDLING. OTHER REPORTS AND NOTES OF [] ARE SILENT AS TO CONTACTS WITH FACTOR. ASSISTANT SAC BELMONT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE IF THE SUGGESTED AFFIDAVIT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS RECOLLECTION OF SITUATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT XXX WHAT ARE THE FACTS, AND IF SO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE DETROIT TELEPHONICALLY IN ORDER THEY MAY SUBMIT SUGGESTED AFFIDAVIT TO US ATTORNEY FOR HIS OPINION AS TO ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS, AFTER WHICH BELMONT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PREPARE AND EXECUTE AFFIDAVIT AND FORWARD SAME TO DETROIT.

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July 20, 1948

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have been advised of the splendid work performed by you in connection with your assignment to the Loyalty Program and the fine attitude displayed by you in voluntarily working extra hours in order that the work might be cleared by June thirtieth.

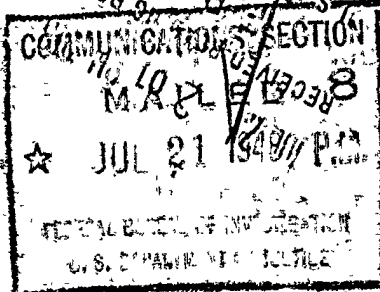
It was indeed a pleasure to learn of the excellent manner in which you functioned in this instance and I want you to know of my appreciation.

Sincerely,

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CC: SAC, New York (P & C)

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: JOHN FACTOR
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DATE: July 12, 1948

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Attention: Assistant Director AL ROSEN

Re Detroit teletype 12th instant.

The affidavit of Assistant Special Agent in Charge ALAN H. BELMONT of the New York Division was turned over to the United States Attorney's Office, Detroit, Michigan, at 8:45 am, July 12, 1948.

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted], to whom this matter is assigned in the United States Attorney's Office, after reviewing this affidavit and conferring with United States Attorney THOMAS P. THORNTON, advised that in their opinion any formal answer by the United States Attorney to FACTOR's petition over and above the affidavit would be superfluous, since they felt that the affidavit in and of itself is completely effective in countering the effect of the affidavit furnished by former Special Agent [redacted]. For this reason, the United States Attorney's Office simply added the title of the case at the top of the affidavit and at the opening of the hearing today delivered it to the court. The affidavit will become a part of the official court record in this matter. For your information, this affidavit as filed read as follows:

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

"JOHN FACTOR,
Petitioner,

-VS-

LEMUEL F. FOX, Warden
of Federal Correctional
Institution, Milan,
Michigan,
Respondent.

"STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss.:

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determine if said JOHN FACTOR was in possession of any information which would assist in the location of ROGER TOUHY, ET. AL. ZMESKAL made these contacts starting the latter part of October, 1942, at Chicago and continued same from time to time until the apprehension of ROGER TOUHY, ET. AL. The specific instructions were to conduct inquiry through FACTOR in order to learn anything which would assist in the apprehension of these fugitives. It was not the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to counsel with or furnish protection to FACTOR, a police function, the responsibility as to which it is understood the Chicago Police Department had taken upon themselves and which apparently they were carrying out in conjunction with the contacts they had made with JOHN FACTOR after the escape of ROGER TOUHY, ET. AL.

"RICHARD J. ZMESKAL was not advised or instructed to tell FACTOR that the TOUHY gang would make a desperate effort to reach FACTOR for revenge because of his testimony in the trial of ROGER TOUHY, ET. AL., or that they would probably kidnap FACTOR for ransom to obtain money.

"ZMESKAL was not advised or instructed or assigned to tell FACTOR and the members of his family not to appear in public, avoid driving his own car, or to tell them not to answer the door unless they were positive of the identity of the caller, these being matters which would come within the province of the activity of the Chicago

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Police Department in furnishing protection to JOHN FACTOR.

"ZMESKAL was not advised or instructed to tell FACTOR, and he, ZMESKAL, was without authority to tell FACTOR, that the FBI would maintain surveillance over FACTOR and his residence in order to see that proper precautions were being observed. ZMESKAL was without authority, in the absence of such instructions, to conduct such surveillance of FACTOR or his residence. ZMESKAL was not instructed at any time to advise FACTOR as to the progress of the investigation. ZMESKAL'S function was, as he was assigned and instructed, to learn any information which FACTOR might have which would assist in the location of the fugitives.

"ZMESKAL was not instructed to follow FACTOR at any time or to station himself in the lobby of FACTOR'S hotel in order to be assured that precautions were being taken for FACTOR'S safety.

"RICHARD J. ZMESKAL did not at any time advise me during his investigation in this case of the following:

"1. That he had advised FACTOR that in his opinion the TOUHY gang would make desperate efforts to reach FACTOR, first, in order to get revenge on him for the part he played in their conviction, and, second, because they needed money, they might try to obtain ransom by kidnapping him.

"2. That he had advised FACTOR not to appear in public, not to drive his own car, and not to answer the door unless he was

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positive of the identity of the caller.

"3. That he had advised FACTOR that the FBI would maintain surveillance over FACTOR and his residence in order to see that proper precautions were being observed.

"4. That he, ZMESKAL, had established himself in the lobby of FACTOR'S hotel in order to observe the people and in order to be assured that precautions were being taken for FACTOR'S safety.

"RICHARD J. ZMESKAL did not advise me that JOHN FACTOR had advised him, ZMESKAL, that he, FACTOR, had received telephone calls at all hours of the night and day from persons unknown to FACTOR who refused to give their names and who purported to be friends or associates of TOUHY and who warned FACTOR that TOUHY would get him and that if TOUHY missed him in Chicago he would get him in Cedar Rapids. JOHN FACTOR did not by any other method report such calls to the FBI.

"I further state that if any such type of calls had been brought to my attention by ZMESKAL, provided he had any such information in his possession, it would have indicated a situation warranting inquiry looking to the possibilities of locating the fugitives who were being sought. I was not advised of any such information by ZMESKAL.

"In the investigation of this and all matters concerned of a similar nature, it was the requirement of the Federal Bureau

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of Investigation that accurate and full advice be submitted by all agents engaged in such investigation, including Special Agent RICHARD Z. ZMESKAL, and he, ZMESKAL, was thoroughly familiar with this requirement, it being a requirement covered in training, oral instruction and written instruction to all Special Agent personnel.

"Subscribed and sworn to by me

this 8th day of July, 1948.

/s/ ALAN H. BELMONT
ALAN H. BELMONT

"ABRAHAM H. GORDON
Notary Public, State of New York"

The hearing before Federal Judge THEODORE LEVIN, Eastern District of Michigan, came on at 11:00 am, 12th instant. At this hearing Petitioner JOHN FACTOR was represented by his Chicago attorney, JESSE H. BROWN, and his Detroit attorney, JAMES E. HAGGERTY. HAGGERTY took no part in the argument before the court, it being conducted entirely by BROWN. The substance of BROWN's remarks, as in the previous hearing, was that at the time of sentence in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, FACTOR, both through his attorney and personally, made known to the court his claim that his plea of guilty on November 17, 1942, had been induced by fear -- the fear of revenge by ROGER TOUHY and BASIL BANGHART, who were at large from October 9, 1942, until December 29, 1942. BROWN then spent considerable time pointing out to the court that it was his position that at that time it became the duty of the court to inquire into the truth of this allegation that the guilty plea had been induced by fear and that the court's failure to do so constituted a violation of FACTOR's constitutional rights in that he had not had due process of law.

About midway in BROWN's argument he took occasion to refer to the affidavits filed by FACTOR in support of his petition and specifically mentioned each of them including that of former Special Agent [redacted]

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At that point in the argument Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] requested the Clerk to hand to Judge LEVIN the affidavit prepared by Assistant Special Agent in Charge ALAN H. BELMONT, which [redacted] had delivered to the Clerk

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of the Court prior to the beginning of the argument. In this way Judge LEVIN was in possession of the counter affidavit and was observed to read this affidavit while listening to BROWN's argument.

Assistant United States Attorney [] presented the position of the Respondent very briefly, pointing out that the Respondent had no issue with the Petitioner as to the law governing petitions for writs of habeas corpus, but that the Respondent took the definite position that the record showed on its face that Petitioner's claim that he was induced by fear to enter this plea of guilty was "nonsense." Mr. [] pointed out to the court that FACTOR was indicted in September, 1942, on a mail fraud charge and that TOUHY and BANGHART escaped on October 9, 1942; that nothing was heard from the Petitioner to indicate that he was so fearful for his life and the welfare of his family that he needed protective custody until on or about November 17, 1942, at which time he requested that the date for his trial, which was originally set for November 23, 1942, and which had been widely publicized in the newspapers, be advanced to November 17th, and indicated that he desired to enter a plea of guilty. Mr. [] further pointed out that it was not necessary for FACTOR to enter a plea of guilty to avoid the trial that was set for November 23rd, since nothing appears in the record that he made any effort or that there was any reason why he could not have obtained a continuance of the case for one, two or as many months as necessary to effect the capture of TOUHY, BANGHART, et al.

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Mr. [] further pointed out to the court that even after FACTOR had entered a plea of guilty on November 17, 1942, that he did not then seek to be sentenced or otherwise placed in custody for his protection, but rather voluntarily made bond so that he would not be incarcerated and went on subjecting himself and his family despite his alleged fears to the possibility that TOUHY, BANGHART, et al, who were still at large, might seek revenge. After pointing this out to the court, Mr. [] urged on the court that the record itself showed that this supposed fear on the part of FACTOR insofar as it contributed to his plea of guilty was without basis. Mr. [] while recognizing along with the court that the doctrine of res adjudicata does not apply in habeas corpus proceedings, ~~but~~ that since FACTOR's petition in the Eastern District of Michigan by the stipulation of FACTOR's counsel rests entirely upon the record made at the hearing before Federal Judge NORDBYE in the District of Minnesota at the time FACTOR was incarcerated at Sandstone, Minnesota, that Judge LEVIN should hesitate to act in the position of a reviewing judge on the decision made in that case, particularly since Judge NORDBYE had the advantage of having the witnesses appear and testify in his presence, whereas Judge LEVIN has only the printed record from which to reach his conclusions on the questions of fact.

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At the conclusion of the argument Judge LEVIN directed a few questions to Mr. BROWN indicating that Judge LEVIN, although he recognizes that the doctrine of

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res adjudicata does not apply here, feels that this case is simply another petition on the same facts that have already been decided by a court of concurrent jurisdiction and that he, Judge LEVIN, is very hesitant to place himself in the position of acting as an appellate court in reviewing the Minnesota decision. Judge LEVIN then advised that he would review the complete record submitted by the Petitioner's attorney covering FACTOR's appearance before the trial court in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the time of his arraignment and sentence and would also review the complete record of the hearing before Judge NORDBYE on the first petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge LEVIN assured both attorneys that he would endeavor to reach a speedy decision in this matter, and it is the opinion of Mr. [] that a decision can be expected from Judge LEVIN in approximately one week.

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This matter will be closely followed and you will be advised as soon as Judge LEVIN's decision is filed. After the hearing it was the opinion of Mr. [] that whatever Judge LEVIN's decision may be, he feels that whatever influence the affidavit of former Special Agent [] might have had has been dissipated by the counter affidavit furnished by Assistant Special Agent in Charge BELMONT.

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc: Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY - Chicago
Chicago

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin ✓

DATE: 1-12-49

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: Alan H. Belmont
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
New York Office

RE: UPA PROMOTION

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

This employee entered on duty as a Special Agent on 11-30-36 and was reallocated to Grade CAF-14, \$7175 per annum on 1-14-46. Due to two basic salary increases and a Uniform Promotion his salary was increased to \$8808.75 per annum. He is eligible for a promotion under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act effective 2-6-49.

On 3-31-48 SAC Scheidt rated him EXCELLENT.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that he be afforded a \$299.25 increase in salary under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act to \$9108 per annum effective 2-6-49.

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7 JAN 28 1949
J. H. Edwards
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Prom Letter to empl
1-18-49
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Sanford
1-18-49
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I agree
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Nature
of Action

Mr. ALAN H. BELMONT
PERIODIC PAY INCREASE

Date

January 10, 1949

Personnel Action Number

F. B. I. - 274-5 28495

Legal Authority

Effective

February 6, 1949

Position

FROM

TO

Special Agent

Grade

CAF 14

Salary

~~\$22,410.75~~ \$22,410.75

Division

and

Section

Headquarters

Appropriations

S & E, F.B.I.

S & E, F.B.I.

Departmental
or Field

Dept.

Field

Dept.

Field

NATURE OF POSITION

a. VICE

b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

c. NEW

P. C. NO.

P. C. NO.

P. C. NO.

Date of Birth

Date of Oath

REMARKS

Prom. under the Act, Prom. Bill, Public Law
90-608 extended 6/20/45. Prom. under the same
Bill in CAF 14 \$21,170.10 to \$22,410.75 eff.
7-27-47. DSI to \$22,410.75 eff. 7-11-48. Last
efficiency rating - EXCELLENT - Approved Rating
Committee 4-16-48.

J. H. Gable

T. J. Gable

J. H. Gable

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
GENERAL STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

6 December 1948

ALAN BELMONT

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

12-8855-2

Recently I solicited the assistance of Mr. Ladd to secure certain information relative to a matter the Army had under investigation in Germany. During the last weekend while visiting New York and upon the recommendation of Mr. Ladd I contacted Mr. Belmont of your New York Office who was most helpful and designated Mr. John F. Sullivan and Mr. Thomas G. Spencer to assist in securing information on an individual who might prove to be a principal in the case. I can assure you the information furnished by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Spencer was extremely helpful and most certainly influenced Army action on a matter of a highly classified nature.

I should like to express to you and through you to Mr. Ladd, Mr. Belmont, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Spencer my deep appreciation for the assistance I received and the prompt and positive action they took upon the request and the prompt and positive action they took upon the request that I make for such information. I have never seen so much accomplished in such a short time and with such efficiency.

Sincerely,

/s/ A.R. Bolling

A.R. BOLLING
Major General, GSC
Deputy Director of Intelligence

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

CONFIDENTIAL

July 9, 1948

DECLASSIFIED BY 15765 S.D.P./KSR
ON 9-23-91

Director, FBI

Re: LOYALTY PROGRAM

A. H. BELMONT

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau is now aware, the New York Division was highly successful in meeting the June 30th deadline established by the Bureau in connection with the Loyalty Program. I am sure that the Bureau realizes the magnitude of the project in this office, particularly as it far exceeded estimates made as late as June 5, 1948. More than 4,000 loyalty cases were opened in this office, nearly 1900 of which were received subsequent to May 15, 1948. As the Bureau will note from our Administrative Report, over 1900 cases were closed during the month of June.

I would want you to know that our achievement in meeting the Bureau's wishes was accomplished by the wholehearted efforts of the entire office personnel. More than half the Agent Personnel in the New York Office were actively engaged in investigating Loyalty cases during the latter part of May and the month of June. Nevertheless, the Agents not assigned directly to the program necessarily carried an additional burden in order to keep abreast of developments in other fields. The clerical personnel likewise entered enthusiastically into the program working at an accelerated pace to accomplish the desired results. This was particularly true of the Stenographic Section.

As you know, a large percentage of the office personnel worked the last two Saturdays in June and, in addition, Agents, Stenographers and Clerks put in considerable night work to accomplish the goal.

I feel that without the enthusiastic, wholehearted support of the personnel in the New York Office it would have been impossible for us to successfully meet the challenge presented by this program.

I particularly want to mention the efforts of the small group of Special Agents who acted as supervisors, readers and who constituted the administrative core in correlating the activities of personnel on the project. They gave unstintingly of their time night after night for several months and,

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Letter to Director, FBI

July 9, 1948

regardless of the extreme pressure necessarily brought about by the program, never failed to maintain the proper balance between exerting full pressure to get the necessary results and yet remaining calm and courteous in the face of innumerable problems and irritants. This group consists of the following Agents: Supervisor WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT and Special Agents JAMES F. BLAND, JOHN F. WACKS, CHARLES M. NOONE, [REDACTED] ALBERT J. MC GARTH, [REDACTED] and RICHARD J. GALLAHER.

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If the Director sees fit, I am sure that these Agents would appreciate an expression from the Director relative to their efforts.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: July 15, 1948

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT : HANDLING OF LOYALTY PROGRAM
NY DIVISION

Your attention is invited to the attached letter dated July 9, 1948, from SAC Scheidt, NY6, pointing out the good work done by certain Special Agents who acted as supervisors and readers and who constituted the administrative core in correlating the activities of personnel on the Loyalty Program in the NY Office. Mr. Scheidt recommends that this group, if the Director approves, be commended for their efforts.

The letter from the NY Office apparently was dictated by ASAC A. H. Belmont and, of course, politely refrains from making any mention of the part he played in the Program. I think that in all fairness, Mr. Belmont should be among the first to be considered for any commendation. As you know, he has done a herculean task in directing this vast project in the NY Office. Concerning our numerous contacts with Mr. Belmont, he has always been most cooperative and has done a splendid job in this difficult assignment.

RECOMMENDATION

Accordingly, if the Director approves, it is recommended that ASAC Belmont be included with those mentioned in the attached letter for an expression of appreciation from the Director for his efforts.

As you know, the Bureau addressed a letter of commendation in connection with the Loyalty Program to SAC Scheidt under date of July 3, 1948.

Attachment

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January 18, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$8803.75 per annum to \$9103 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective February 6, 1949.

Sincerely yours, 94639-227

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: SAC - New York
Mr. J. E. Edwards
Movement Section

JW:MLB

67-94639-228

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February 1, 1949

Honorable F. E. Louwage
President
International Criminal Police Commission
Brussels, Belgium

Dear Mr. President:

I have received your kind letter, C.I.P.C./P/960,
regarding the liaison arrangements with the United Nations
at Lake Success, New York.

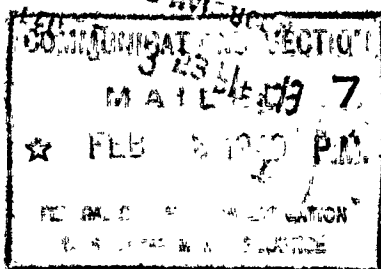
In response to your inquiry, Mr. A. H. Belmont's
address is Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department
of Justice, 607 U. S. Court House Building, Foley Square,
New York, New York. It would be appreciated, however, if
all correspondence regarding matters which have to be taken
up with the United Nations here could be sent to me directly.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

NLR:phke
cc Foreign Service Desk

AIR-MAIL



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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to November 30, 1948, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Address 19 Bronxville Rd. Bronxville
Relationship wife Dated 11-24-48

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Rogund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Address 19 Bronxville Rd. Bronxville NY
Relationship wife Dated 11-24-48

Very truly yours,

Loretta Belmont
Special Agent

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**ANNUAL
REPORT OF
EFFICIENCY RATING**

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL ()

As of March 31, 1949 based on performance during period from April 1, 1948 to March 31, 1949

ALAN H. BELMONT ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE CAF-14
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE V if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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| <u>+</u> (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | <u>+</u> (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| <u>+</u> (2) Mechanical skill. | <u>+</u> (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| <u>+</u> (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | <u>+</u> (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| <u>+</u> (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | <u>+</u> (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| <u>+</u> (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | <u>+</u> (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| <u>+</u> (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | <u>+</u> (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| <u>+</u> (7) Accuracy of operations. | <u>+</u> (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| <u>+</u> (8) Accuracy of final results. | <u>+</u> (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| <u>+</u> (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | <u>+</u> (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| <u>+</u> (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | <u>+</u> (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| <u>+</u> (11) Industry. | <u>+</u> (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| <u>+</u> (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| <u>+</u> (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>+</u>) (Yes or no) | |
| <u>+</u> (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| <u>+</u> (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| <u>+</u> (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| <u>+</u> (17) Initiative. | |
| <u>+</u> (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| <u>+</u> (19) Dependability. | |
| <u>+</u> (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

+ (A) CAPABILITY OF ASSUMING
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Declassify on: OADR

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		2 JUN 23 1949 67-94639-229	
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and check marks or better on all other elements rated.	Searched	Adjective Rating	Rating official
Check marks or better on all elements rated, and plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Filed	Excellent	31
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance overcompensated by outstanding performance.	3 APR 18 1949	Good	12
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance not overcompensated by outstanding performance.	FRIDAY	Fair	12
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.		Unsatisfactory	12
Rated by <u>Edward Schmitt</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	MARCH 31, 1949.		
Reviewed by <u>Glavin</u>	6-15-49		
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee	Report to employee		

SECRET

ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
CAF-14 --- \$9,108 per annum

~~SECRET~~

In his capacity as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York office, Mr. Belmont has performed outstanding and exceptional work throughout the rating period. He is in charge of Division II of the office, which handles Security matters and major cases, including such cases as Russian Espionage, Communist matters, [SUTEC], Loyalty cases, Selective Service, (S) (U) Deserters, and other types of investigations. The work of Division I at the present time is divided into six sections, and Mr. Belmont accordingly has six Supervisors under his immediate direction. Cases supervised by Mr. Belmont include matters of an extremely delicate nature, and highly important cases being handled by the Bureau. He functions extraordinarily well under pressure and has the ability to comprehend, analyze and direct complicated and involved matters as well as to provide a steadying influence to subordinate employees. He has qualities of ingenuity and the ability to view things both from a long range and short range perspective. His judgment is excellent, and he commands the respect of persons working under him. In all respects he is highly qualified to handle the important responsibilities of his position.

Mr. Belmont makes an excellent personal appearance, possesses a splendid personality, dresses neatly, and exercises initiative, resourcefulness, force, and aggressiveness in an outstanding manner. He is a capable dictator, operates an automobile properly. He is exceptionally well qualified for supervising dangerous assignments, physical surveillances, and difficult and complicated investigations. He makes an excellent impression in his contacts with law enforcement officials and business contacts, and has the requisite ability to organize and initiate investigations and to accept and discharge responsibility without supervision. He is physically fit in all respects and is available for any type of special or general assignment.

Mr. Belmont has demonstrated that at all times he has the best interests of the Bureau at heart. He is an extremely hard-working and conscientious individual. Mr. Belmont is fully qualified in every respect to serve as a Special Agent in Charge, and it is noted that he was Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati office prior to becoming Assistant Special Agent in Charge at New York.

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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME BELMONT, ALAN H. AGE 42 YEARS, #3 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) N.Y. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: M NUMBER OF CHILDREN 0
FAMILY HISTORY FATHER AND MOTHER LIVING AND WELL THREE BROTHERS AND TWO
SISTERS LIVING AND WELL ONE SISTER DEAD AT THE AGE OF THIRTEEN CAUSE UNKNOWN

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY BROKEN LEFT FINGER USUAL CHILDHOOD DISEASES TONSILECTOMY

HEAD AND FACE NORMAL
EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) NORMAL

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/20, corrected to 20/

LT. 20/20, corrected to 20/

COLOR PERCEPTION NORMAL A.C.C. COLOR CHART

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS NONE

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS NONE

NOSE SEPTUM DEVIATED TO RIGHT ADEQUATE AIRWAY

(Disease or anatomical defect; obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES CLEAR

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS NEG.

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect):

AS CHARTED

MISSING TEETH 2-7-9-20-30-

NONVITAL TEETH NONE

PERIAPICAL DISEASE NONE

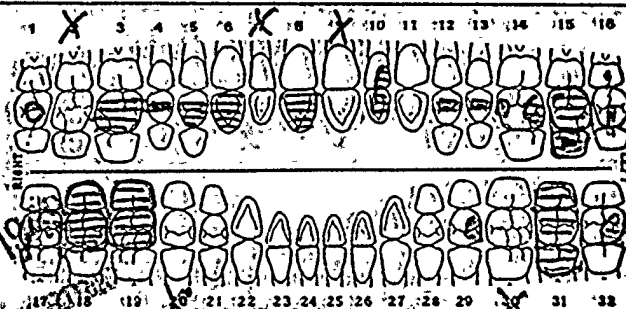
MARKED MALOCCLUSION NONE

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS NONE

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES NONE

DENTURES PARTIAL UPPER

REMARKS NONE



R. W. MCKEE JR. (Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE ERECT

TEMPERATURE 98.6

CHEST AT EXPIRATION 41

HEIGHT 69 1/2

CHEST AT INSPIRATION 43

WEIGHT 184 1/2

CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 35 1/2

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE NONE

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS NORMAL

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx)

NORMAL

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet)

NORMAL

ENTERED ON CARD
6/27/46
4/2

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THORAX (size, shape, movement) rib cage, mediastinum NORMAL
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. HEART AND AORTA APPEAR NORMAL
X RAYS STD. 5-18-49 FILM SHOWS A SOLITARY CALCIFICATION IN THE LEFT MIDDLE
CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM (NORMAL) WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE OF ANY RECENT PARENCHYMAL DISEASE.
HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) ECG REPORT DTD 5-18-49 WITHIN NORMAL
LIMITS. NORMAL
PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 72 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 130
AFTER EXERCISE 86 DIASTOLIC 75
THREE MINUTES AFTER 80
CONDITION OF ARTERIES SOFT CHARACTER OF PULSE FULL AND REG
CONDITION OF VEINS GOOD HEMORRHOIDS NONE

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) NORMAL

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM NORMAL
URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.027 ALB. NEG. SUGAR NEG. MICROSCOPICAL NEG.
VENEREAL DISEASE

NERVOUS SYSTEM NORMAL
(organic or functional disorders)
ROMBERG NEG. INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) NORMAL
REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL NORMAL DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) NORMAL TREMORS NONE
SEROLOGICAL TESTS BLOOD TYPE
ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) NORMAL

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION 1947
TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES NONE
DATE OF LAST COURSE UNKNOWN
REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE NONE NOTED
CBC: RBC WBC ALL WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS
SED RATE 2mm/hr.

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS NONE

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING ARDUOUS PHYSICAL EXERTION
IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS YES (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)

Belmont
CAPTAIN MC USN

DATE OF EXAMINATION

5-18-49

Belmont

NH/59 ECG
FORM #118
10-12-48 (5M)

UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL
ST. ALBANS, L.I., N.Y.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC STUDY

NAME BELMONT, ALAN RATE FBI AGE WARD Record Office

DIAGNOSIS Annual Physical BLOOD PRESSURE None
RHYTHM None PREVIOUS TESTS None
REFERRED BY Goossens (MC), U.S.N.

INTERPRETATION

CARDIAC NO. 1-1142 DATE 5-18-49

RATE: AURICULAR: AXIS DEVIATION: None
VENTRICULAR: 75 per minute.

RHYTHM: Normal sinus.

P WAVES: Normal.

P-R INTERVAL: 0.16 second.

QRS COMPLEX: 0.08 second.
Low Voltage, in leads 1, 2, and 3.

S-T SEGMENT: Normal

T WAVES: Normal.

PRECORDIAL LEADS: Normal.

CONCLUSION: Within Normal Limits.

E. C. Texter
E. C. TEXTER LT(JG)
(MC), U.S. NAVY

ELECTROCARDIOGRAM REVERSE SIDE

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July 8, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

As a result of the inquiry into the handling of the espionage cases of Agnes Smedley and Esther Stein, it is apparent that the part played by the New York Division in this case was inadequate.

Inasmuch as the investigation of the New York Division was under your general supervision, you are considered to have been at fault in failing to bring about a careful review and analysis of the available facts and a prompt and thorough investigation of all logical leads in order that the case might have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion without unnecessary delay.

It is hoped that you fully realize the consequences which occurred in this matter and will take the necessary precautions in connection with other investigations under your supervision in order to prevent similar shortcomings.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ON 9-23-91

cc: SAC, New York: CONFIDENTIAL
New York Office Personnel File

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

(JIC/cmo:gem)

JUL 12 1949

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT : DELINQUENCIES OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE
IN HANDLING THE AGNES SMEDLEY CASE

DATE: JUNE 23, 1949

As a result of Mr. Clegg's inspection into the handling of the Smedley Case it was found that several errors had occurred in New York. Explanations have now been received from New York and consideration is being given herein to any necessary administrative action to be taken.

DELINQUENCIES:

Mr. Clegg reported the following delinquencies on the part of New York insofar as the Smedley case is concerned:

1. Two reports from Albany dated 6/16 and 10/5/45 contained names and addresses of Smedley contacts in New York City about which there is no record of action taken by the New York Office.

2. Four contacts of Smedley who were set forth in the above reports received some attention but were inadequately handled.

3. Albany specifically requested New York to establish the address, background and possible involvement of Eleanor Guy Rahman and Aya Ishigaki. Both of these persons were friends of Smedley. The Rahman check consisted of an examination of the New York files, credit records, voting records and some neighborhood investigation which revealed that Rahman was recently married and no attempt was made to check marriage records to further identify her. There was some information in the New York files concerning Ishigaki but Mr. Clegg considered it to be inadequate.

4. The Bureau sent a letter to Albany on 4/25/45 with a copy for New York in which it was reflected that information [redacted] reported that in 1937 Smedley was in China in touch with the Chinese Communist Party and was reported to be sending reports via American Express Company at Shanghai for transmittal to D. Berenberg, 132 West 65th Street, NYC. There was no indication that Berenberg was identified or located and although this was eight years previously it definitely involved Smedley in espionage.

5. The above mentioned Bureau letter also advised that in 1928 when Smedley arrived at Harbin she got in touch with Miss Dorothy Van Doren of New York City but the New York Office did not investigate that contact.

6. While Smedley was attending a theater in New York City in the company of three young ladies, physical surveillances were

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maintained to identify the young ladies. The surveillance on one of the girls was lost and she was not identified. The surveillance was considered inadequate and ineffective.

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7. The Bureau letter of 4/25/45 requested the identity and present location of certain individuals and the file failed to reflect the identification and location of those individuals.

8. On 2/4/48 and 3/1/48 New York reported investigative information by letter and the information subsequently had to be re-typed into a report. The information should have been submitted in report form.

9. New York sent a teletype to the Bureau on 6/7/46 concerning the Smedley physical surveillance in which it was stated that the three girls accompanying Smedley to the theater were being identified when in fact it was known 24 hours prior that the surveillance on one girl was lost and she was not identified. Further a teletype reported Smedley and her friends attended an evening performance of the theater when in fact it was a matinee performance,

10. On 4/8/45 New York sent a letter to Albany, the office of origin summarizing its information on Smedley. That information was incorporated in a report by Albany on 6/19/45. Since that time New York has reported in other case six references to Smedley and none of the information ever reached the Smedley file in any report received at the Bureau although in most instances it was of a very significant type.

11. When the Bureau was attempting to identify two Americans in the Sorge spy ring in China and Japan, New York received a letter dated 2/6/48 from Alfred Kohlberg identifying Smedley and Gunther Stein as the Two Americans. This information was not furnished to the Bureau until 2/21/48. Kohlberg had furnished it direct to the Bureau on 2/12/48.

EXPLANATION BY NEW YORK

New York advised that the facilities and manpower required for cases of primary importance and secondly for cases of equal importance but of less urgent nature were heavy. It was believed that if given ample manpower and time it would be desirable to investigate Smedley continuously for the standpoint of compiling information, however, under present conditions it is not what they would like to do but rather what they must do to efficiently discharge their responsibilities.

Specifically New York advised that Albany was the office of origin and Albany failed to set out leads to check on the addresses of contacts of Smedley. Two of the addresses listed in the Albany reports of 6/15/45 and 10/5/45 were addresses for Smedley in 1918 and it was not felt that they would be productive. Without specific leads New York was unable to decide if it was necessary for immediate purposes of the investigation to check on other addresses. New York had no

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specific derogatory information on the four persons mentioned nor were they specifically connected with espionage activities and because of the heavy demands for surveillance work it made the investigation of those four persons an injudicious use of Agents' time.

In connection with the Bureau letter of 4/25/45 to Albany with copy for New York, New York advised that Albany as office of origin never set out leads to handle that phase of the investigation and New York was of the opinion that Albany did not consider the matter worthy of investigation. The identity and present location of certain persons requested in the letter of 4/25/45 were not established by New York because the addresses were no longer in existence and there was an indication that Smedley attempted to obtain mail from these addresses in 1931 and since there was no indication that the person were engaged in espionage it was felt that nothing further was required in view of other pressing work.

Insofar as the physical surveillance of Smedley was concerned, New York has advised that when Smedley left the theater there were three Agents on the surveillance and it was believed that no more manpower was warranted. Smedley's contacts with the three girls was considered a social affair and not of importance to the investigation. It was decided on the spot to attempt to identify the three girls who were with Smedley. Each Agent surveilled one girl; two girls were identified and one was lost in a large crowd at Madison Square Garden. The two who were identified were associated with Smedley at Skidmore College and since the other girl was of the approximate same age it was considered that she might also have been associated with Smedley at the college. Smedley's association with these girls did not take on the appearance of a meeting of espionage agents. The agent to whom the case was assigned was on a night shift of the Smedley surveillance, was not available at the office to advise the Bureau of the development and the information telephoned to the office was the basis of the teletype message. Although the teletype did not convey the exact facts, corrections were not immediately sent because the differences were not material to the case or its administration.

New York pointed out that the letters of 2/4/48 and 3/1/48 contained considerable administrative information which could not be put in an investigative report but the investigative information was included in the next report which was submitted in November, 1948.

The failure of New York to get information concerning Smedley in the Smedley file when it arose in other security matter cases was occasioned by New York's failure to properly index reports and because it was not possible to prepare a complete summary report on Smedley between the time when New York became the office of origin on 10/21/48 and the present due to more urgent and current matters to be handled.

Insofar as New York's failure to advise the Bureau of the identity of the two Americans in the "orge spy ring" after the information was received from Kihlberg, New York stated that the information was actually received on 2/9/48 which was three days after Kihlberg wrote his letter, and it could not be recalled what occasioned the delay until 2/21/48.

CONCLUSION - INSPECTION DIVISION:

Mr. Clegg was of the opinion that the absence of specific leads from Albany should be considered in mitigation of New York's failure to investigate Smedley contacts which were listed in the Albany reports of 6/19 and 10/5/45, however, if New York's investigation had been proper it would have led to inquiries of these people and New York should be held responsible.

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Mr. Clegg felt that New York's investigation of the four Smedley contacts which were handled were done so in a superficial manner and whatever was done should have been handled more thoroughly.

Mr. Clegg reported a lack of elemental thoroughness and a disregard of a specific lead from Albany in New York inquiries of Eleanor Rahman and Aya Ishigaki and Mr. Clegg considered New York's answer to be inadequate.

In connection with the Bureau letter to Albany of 4/25/45, with a copy to New York, Mr. Clegg reported that it should have been unnecessary for Albany to set out a lead for New York and the failure of New York to adequately investigate the persons listed in the letter constituted neglect. New York disregarded specific Bureau instructions contained in this letter in not specifying and locating certain persons mentioned therein.

In connection with the physical surveillance, Mr. Clegg felt that the assumption that spies are supposed to act like spies ~~777~~ would hardly be a justifiable reply in this case.

Mr. Clegg also felt that the lapse of time in reporting the investigative information and retyping it into a report as a result of New York's letter of 2/4/48 and 3/1/48 could have been avoided by submitting a regular investigative report together with a letter containing the administrative information.

The inaccurate information in the teletype probably had no substantive effect on the outcome of the case but it was still a minor error with which New York should be charged.

New York's failure to furnish for the Smedley file the information developed about her in other cases was obviously New York's error.

Mr. Clegg felt that the delay in submitting the identifying information concerning Smedley's and Stein's participating in the Sorge spy ring was too great and the explanations inadequate.

RECOMMENDATIONS - INSPECTION DIVISION:

No recommendation were made by Mr. Clegg because at the time he last considered this matter New York had not furnished the identities nor fixed the individual responsibilities of the New York Agents.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Bureau letter of 4/25/45 to Albany with copies for New York was considered by former SA E. B. Calder in connection with the Phillip Jaffe case. Former SA E. B. Calder also prepared the letter to Albany on 4/26/45 which summarized New York's information on Smedley and Glader did not furnish that information to the Bureau. ~~SECRET~~

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The Smedley case was assigned to former SA [] from 5/2/45 to 6/16/45.

It was assigned to former SA [] from 6/16/45 to 11/6/45 when the case was RUC'd by New York. Former Agent [] also covered a lead in March, 1946 which was reported by letter.

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During the period of the physical surveillance of Smedley in New York City in June, 1946, the case was assigned to SA [] and []. The other surveillance agents were [] and former SA [] was the agent who lost the surveillance at Madison Square Garden in the unidentified associate of Smedley.

Former Stenographer [] prepared the teletype on 6/7/46 from information furnished her by Supervisor R. R. Granville and SA [].

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The letters of 2/4/48 and 3/1/48 and 3/1/48 reporting investigative information which should have been in the form of a report were prepared when the case was assigned to SA John J. Ward.

From May, 1948 to the last of March, 1949 the case was assigned to SA T. J. McAndrews. It was reassigned thereafter because of other special supervisory duties assigned to McAndrews.

Throughout the existence of this case it has been under the supervision of SA R. R. Granville. The case was assigned to the Division headed by former ASAC T. J. Donegan until his resignation on 3/1/46. Thereafter it was assigned to the Division headed by ASAC Alan H. Belmont. Former SA E. E. Conroy was in charge of the office until SAC Scheidt assumed those responsibilities on 8/21/46.

Responsibility for information concerning Smedley in other New York files which information was not furnished to the Bureau in Smedley reports is as follows:

1. The report of former SA [] dated 8/8/45 in the Gerhardt Eisler case was reasonably well indexed but the information on Smedley was not indexed. It is the Agent's responsibility to see that his reports are indexed.

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2. The report of SA [] dated 6/11/46 in the Philip Jaffe case did not have the Smedley information indexed.

3. New York forwarded a letter on 5/10/45 to the Bureau in which there was enclosed an album of known or suspected espionage agents. New York was unable to fix individual responsibility for failure to include information from the album in subsequent Smedley reports, however they pointed out that the information in the album was unsubstantiated and should not have been included in a report.

4. A New York letter to the Bureau on 6/26/45 regarding Whittaker Chambers. This letter was prepared by former SA []

5. The report of SA Maurice A. Taylor dated 1/4/49 at WFO in the Whittaker Chambers case. New York cannot fix individual responsibility for the delay in indexing this report because the report was required for the immediate investigation of the Jaham case.

6. The report of SA [] dated 4/22/48 at WFO in the Gustaw Alef-Bolkowiak espionage case. SA T. J. McAndrews was responsible for the Smedley case from May, 1948 until the last of March, 1949, therefore he is responsible for this omission.

RECOMMENDATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:

It is my very definite feeling that this case was woefully neglected during the early months of its existence both by the Agents to whom it was assigned and by the supervisory staff of the New York office. It is obvious that the use of care, imagination, initiative and sound investigative techniques was almost completely lacking therefore, I concur with Mr. Clegg in his conclusion that New York handled this case in a superficial manner. I also feel that this is a matter in which the New York file expanded rapidly in volume and apparently no one ever bothered to sit down and thoroughly review the file to determine what should be done to carry the espionage investigation to a logical conclusion with dispatch and efficiency.

It is my recommendation that letters of censure be directed to SAC Scheidt, ASAC Belmont and Supervisor R. R. Granville for the very poor manner in which this case has been supervised by New York. I feel too that Supervisor Granville should also be censured for permitting the incorrect teletype of 6/7/46 to be forwarded to the Bureau.

I recommend a letter of censure for SA [] for permitting the incorrect information to be sent to the Bureau because if he and Granville had contacted the other surveilling agents they could have secured the correct information concerning the loss of the surveillance.

In that connection it is also my recommendation that SA Lawrence C. Bailey be censured for his failure to immediately communicate with Supervisor Granville when he knew that he had lost the surveillance and would be unable to identify the girl being surveilled by him. While it is true that he communicated with [] the night before and informed him that the girl was at a meeting

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at Madison Square Garden it was not until the next night when [] re-joined the surveillance group that they ever knew that the surveillance was lost.

From the facts at hand I feel that former Stenographer [] probably prepared the teletype just as instructed by Supervisor Granville and Agent [] and I feel that nothing further should be done as far as she is concerned.

It is apparent that Agent T. J. McAndrews did not afford the case the attention it warranted while it was assigned to him and I recommend a letter of censure.

Since it has been a prevalent practice in the Field to report some investigation matters by letter, I do not feel that SA John J. Ward should be censured for his preparation of the letters dated 2/4 and 3/1/48. As a result of Mr. Gurnea's recent inspection of the Security Division, instructions were issued for the field to immediately discontinue reporting by letter the results of investigations.

Finally, I feel that SA [] who is now assigned at the Newark Office, should be censured for not seeing to it that his report dated 6/11/46 in the Jaffe Case was properly indexed in order that the information contained therein on Smedley could be readily available for review by the Agent to whom the Smedley case was assigned.

Inasmuch as SAC Conroy, ASAC Donegan and SAs [] and [] are no longer on the Bureau's service, no action can be taken regarding them, however, it is my recommendation that copies of this memorandum be included in their personnel files here at the Bureau.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON
FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

DATE: JUNE 29, 1949

SUBJECT : DELINQUENCIES OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE IN
HANDLING THE SMEDLEY AND STEIN CASES

A. H. BELMONT

There are attached hereto two memoranda covering the delinquencies of the New York Office in handling the Smedley and Stein Cases.

In view of the fact that letters of censure are recommended for SAC Scheidt, ASAC Belmont and field Supervisor R. H. Granville in each of the memoranda, it is recommended that the memoranda be considered together and that only one letter of censure be directed to each of these New York Officials.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 16, 1949

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Director, F.B.I.

Re: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY-RA. H. BELMONT

Dear Sir:

Re Bureau letter dated April 29, 1949, with reference to the responsibility of employees in the New York office in connection with delinquencies set forth in Bureau letter dated March 2, 1949.

With reference to Item 1A, B, C; Item "A, B, C, D, And Item 3A, B, Please be advised that E. E. Conroy, as special Agent in Charge, had overall responsibility, as did T. J. Donegan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Supervisor Robert R. Granville had more direct supervisory responsibility as the supervisor of the section to which the case was assigned. Special Agent [] was the agent to whom this case was assigned at this period of the investigation. He handled the case from June, 1945 until he submitted an RUC report on November 6, 1945. He covered an additional lead in March, 1946, which was reported by letter. Agent [] therefore, was responsible for the investigation during that period. As the Bureau is aware, Agent [] has submitted his resignation to cease active duty, effective May 13, 1949.

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With reference to Items 4, 5, and 7 in Bureau letter of March 2, 1949, it was noted that E. E. Conroy was Special Agent in Charge, T. J. Donegan was assistant Special Agent in charge, and Robert R. Granville was Supervisor during the pertinent period. During the period May 2, 1945 to June 19, 1945, this case was assigned to Special Agent [] who is no longer connected with the Bureau. From June 16, 1945, as previously mentioned, the case was assigned to Special Agent []. It is noted that Items 4, 5 and 7 all pertain to Bureau letter to Albany dated April 25, 1945, a copy of which was sent to the New York office. The information contained in this letter was also considered by Special Agent [] in connection with any relation SMEDLEY might have with the JAFFE case. Agent [] is no longer with the Bureau.

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Concerning Items 6 and 9, which refer to a physical surveillance of SMEDLEY and her contacts; it is noted that E. E. Conroy was Special

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Agent in charge, A. H. Belmont was Assistant Special Agent in Charge, and Robert R. Granville was supervisor. At this time, the case was assigned to Special Agent [redacted]. The number and identity of the surveilling agents on this occasion were designated by Supervisor Granville, and constituted two shifts of three agents each, which is the normal and adequate number of agents for the surveillance of one individual. The assignment of additional personnel would have been unwarranted in view of the fact that SLEDLEY had been under surveillance for several days and the need for additional agents was not indicated by her activities. Physical surveillance, of which there are a large number in New York City, must be handled with discretion, both from the standpoint of conserving manpower and to render the surveillance secure by avoiding the assignment of excessive personnel which would render the surveillance unsafe.

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On the evening of June 6, 1946, the decision was made by Special Agent [redacted] who was on the surveillance, on the spot to attempt to identify all three of the young women who accompanied SLEDLEY to the theatre. He then assigned one of the three surveilling agents to follow each of the subject's contacts. Special Agent [redacted] followed the contact designated as unidentified girl #1 on page 3, paragraph 5 of the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated September 16, 1946 at New York City. During the meeting at Madison Square Garden, which was attended by this girl, [redacted] succeeded in communicating with [redacted] and advised him of the girl's location and the nature of the meeting. This was done while [redacted] was surveilling unidentified girl #3 on the night of June 6.

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Unidentified girl #2, as described on page 4, paragraph 1 of the report of Agent [redacted], dated September 16, 1946, was identified at the New London Hotel by Special Agent [redacted] who reported this to [redacted] on the night of June 6, 1946. Agent [redacted] surveilled unidentified girl #3, described on page 3, paragraph 6 of the above mentioned report. It was necessary for him to go to Lamorneck, New York, on this surveillance, where he arrived on the early morning of June 7, 1946 and stayed until after 4:00 am June 7. It is believed that this surveillance was correctly handled throughout, under the circumstances involved.

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Concerning Item 9, which relates to the teletype sent to the Bureau concerning the above surveillance, it is noted that Agent [redacted] arrived home from the surveillance between 4:00 am and 5:00 am on June 7, 1946. Later in the day he communicated telephonically from his home to advise Supervisor Granville at the New York Office of the results of the surveillance on the afternoon and night of June 6 and early June 7, as they were then known to him, and the resultant teletype was sent to the

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Bureau in order to keep the Bureau advised. The teletype in question was prepared by former Stenographer [redacted] and reflected the information as known to [redacted] and Granville at the time of its preparation. When [redacted] rejoined the surveillance on June 7, he learned that unidentified girl #1 had been lost in the crowd after the meeting at Madison Square Garden. However, this was not of sufficient importance to warrant a correction to the Bureau inasmuch as it was indicated that the identities of these girls were not of importance to this investigation. It is not possible to ascertain the reason for the misstatement in the teletype concerning the attendance at the party on the night of June 6 rather than on the afternoon of June 6 inasmuch as [redacted] is no longer with the Bureau and because of the passage of time.

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Relative to Item 8, the Special Agent in Charge at that time was Edward McLaughlin, the Assistant Special Agent in Charge was A. H. Belmont, the supervisor Robert R. Granville, and the Agent handling the case was [redacted]. The explanation concerning this item is contained in my letter of March 18, 1949.

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Concerning Item 10, E. E. Conroy and T. J. Donagan were SAC and ACAC respectively. The letter in question was prepared by Special Agent Howard W. Little, Special Agent E. D. Calder was handling the case and initialed the outgoing letter. The Supervisor of the JAFFE cases was A. E. Ostholhoff.

Relative to Item A on page 4 of Bureau letter dated March 2, 1949, the indexing of a report is the responsibility of the agent dictating the report. The report of Special Agent [redacted] appears to be rather completely indexed but the information concerning SEDLEY was not indexed.

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The information concerning SEDLEY in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 11, 1946, was not indexed. It was the responsibility of Special Agent Dixie to mark this for indexing.

Regarding Item C, it does not appear possible to fix individual responsibility in this matter inasmuch as it was not believed advisable to include this unsubstantial information in a report.

Concerning Item D, the SEDLEY case was assigned to Special Agent [redacted] at the time the New York letter dated June 26, 1945 was forwarded to the Bureau.

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Relative to Item D, it is not possible to fix responsibility inasmuch as the delay in indexing this information and including it in the SEDLEY report was caused by the fact that the report was required for immediate investigation in the JAHAM case which is worked as a special in

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this office . The information will, of course, be included in the next report.

With regard to Item F. This case was assigned to Special Agent T. J. McAndrews from May, 1948 to the end of March, 1949. Due to other special work being handled by him and the fact that he has been required for supervisory duties, the case was reassigned the latter part of March, 1949. The information in question will be included in the report presently being prepared in this office.

In connection with Item 11, the receipt of this information and the handling thereafter was by Special Agent W. J. McCarthy.

The above personnel is set forth as those handling the matters contained in Bureau letter is set forth as those handling the matters contained in Bureau letter of March 2, 1949. However, I again respectfully refer the Bureau to my letter of March 18, 1949, setting forth the explanations of this office. It is felt that many of the items which appear to be delinquencies in Bureau letter of March 2 are fully explained by the information set forth in my letter of March 18th.

Very truly yours,

LEAND CHADT
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Director, FBI

RE: GUNTHER E. O. STEIN, Wa:
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A. H. BELMONT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 2, 1949, setting forth the delinquencies of the New York Office in connection with the above mentioned case and requesting an explanation as to these delinquencies.

Initially, it should be pointed out that during the period of time this case has been under investigation, this office was responsible for the investigation of a voluminous number of cases under the Loyalty Program, Atomic Energy Program, Security Index Cases under the DETCOM Program and other special classifications of cases where the Bureau had instructed preferred attention.

The Bureau is, I believe, aware of the magnitude of the investigative problem which has confronted this office during the past year. In order to comply with the Bureau's instructions with regard to these various other programs it has been necessary, in the past, to utilize the agents assigned to Section #6 of this office, which section handles the investigation of Internal Security-R and Espionage-R cases, to other investigations, particularly case under the Loyalty Program and the Security Index Program.

During the period of time that the STEIN case was under investigation, 55 agents were assigned to Section #6. This section, during this period of time, handled 520 Security Index Cases and 400 Loyalty Cases. In addition to that, there are a number of specials being investigated by this section which, because of their very nature and current activity, require vigorous and constant investigation. Among cases of this character are the MOCASE, [SOVME] GALLEON, CORSAIR and the case on SLAVKO ZORE; also cases involving the following and reporting of the activities of the consulates and official establishments and personnel of these establishments of the Soviet Government and its satellite nations. Due to the volume of work and shortage of personnel, it has been necessary to concentrate on investigations wherein it appeared that the greatest opportunity presented itself for the development of current and active cases. It is believed that this policy has been sound as is proven by the successful operation of our double agent cases in connection with the MOCASE, GALLEON, ZORE, and CORSAIR cases. Furthermore, it has been essential, in order to properly discharge Bureau responsibility, to concentrate on the development of highly confidential techniques with regard to the foreign diplomatic corps in this area. Due to the concentration on this phase of

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the investigation, a tremendous amount of intelligence information has been developed during the past year and forwarded to the Bureau for appropriate transmittal to various interested agencies. Section #6 also concentrated on the development and handling of approximately 50 highly productive confidential informants who are furnishing important information pertaining to the Bureau's counter-intelligence work. Due to the concentration on various other phases of the work being handled by Section #6, [this office has been successful in obtaining the diplomatic code and cipher pads of [redacted]

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[redacted] Furthermore, during this period of time the JUDITH COPLON and VALENTIN GUBITCHEV cases were under investigation and these cases required the utilization of a considerable amount of manpower and successfully culminated in the arrest of both COPLON and GUBITCHEV for their espionage activities.

Section #6 has under investigation at the present time, 469 cases; many of which the Bureau has specifically instructed be given preferred and expeditious attention. Quite naturally, with it only being possible to assign 55 agents to this type of investigation up to March 1st of this year, it has been imperative that a practical approach be taken to handle those matters which have been considered of paramount importance. It is not meant by this statement that this office did not consider the STEIN case important because it did, as was evidenced by the fact that it was the New York Office which opened the STEIN case on its own initiative and requested the Bureau to obtain the details of the operation of the SORGE ring in order that this office might conduct an investigation of STEIN. Quite frankly, this office had anticipated in the early part of 1948, that it would be possible to assign additional agents in the investigation of Internal Security-R and Espionage-R matters. However, as previously stated, because of the Loyalty Program and various deadline investigations this was not possible.

With respect to the STEIN case please be advised that it has been assigned to Special Agent William J. McCarthy, of Section #6, under the supervision of Special Agent Robert R. Granville. This section is under Division #1 of this office, headed by ASAC A. H. Belmont. During the period of time in which this matter has been under investigation, Agent McCarthy has been handling four confidential informants, among them being PAUL and HEDE BUDENZ. Furthermore, during this period it was necessary for this agent to spend a great amount of his time working on the HISS-CHAMBERS case, as well as the Communist Party brief wherein he worked with United States Attorney JOHN F. X. MC GOHEY and BUDENZ in preparing trial material for this case. He has also been assigned to other cases of an espionage nature which required expeditious handling.

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With respect to the STEIN case it is to be noted that the allegations of espionage activity which were obtained from the Japanese occurred in 1938. Since that period of time, while STEIN has been in touch with individuals who were Communists or suspected of underground Communist activity, no information has come to our attention indicating actual espionage on his part. If such information had been forthcoming then certainly this case would have been given paramount attention. In lieu of this, investigative time of special agents was directed to still more urgent matters, with highly successful results.

With respect to the suggested investigations as outlined in Bureau letter of March 2, 1949, it is realized that all these points have merit. The following is explanatory as to why these various points have not been covered up to this time:

1. As previously stated, our initial report was not sent to the Bureau prior to November 15, 1948, it is realized because of SA McCarthy's involvement in other matters demanding his immediate attention and the lack of sufficient personnel to whom to reassign his work.
2. With reference to New York letter to the Bureau dated July 6, 1948, advising that a full scale investigation was being conducted. The expression, "full scale investigation" was used to convey the idea that the investigation was not being limited to merely identifying the individual but rather to determine his general activities. Actually, the investigation was underway, a mail cover had been placed, toll calls requested and an effort made to contact the manager of the hotel. Confidential informants were also being contacted.
3. A physical surveillance was not instituted because of the shortage of manpower. In order to properly operate a physical surveillance in New York it requires a minimum of six agents per day and with the volume of other work to be handled it was not feasible to conduct such a surveillance of STEIN.
4. With respect to the trash cover, it is to be noted that the agent had made several attempts to contact the hotel manager in order to determine whether this individual might be used from the standpoint of a trash cover or a highly confidential informant. However, these attempts were not successful as he was not a resident manager at the hotel. This lead, however, had been held in abeyance until such time as sufficient manpower was available to properly handle the trash coverage.
5. Microphone surveillance was not requested because of the tremendous amount of manpower required to install a surveillance of this nature as well as to operate it. It is anticipated that with the present five day week it requires the time of approximately five agents to operate a microphone surveillance.

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6. A mail cover was not requested after 6/15/48 since the mail cover which had been placed had given a cross section of his correspondence and his general activity.

7. With regard to the toll calls, they were requested by letter dated March 10, 1948. Accordingly, only calls up to that date were furnished and checked. Actually, there was a considerable period of time before the agent was able to spend the time necessary to review the files regarding the toll calls. A second check was made of the toll calls in February of this year.

8. A technical surveillance was not requested because it was felt that this case at this time did not warrant the installations of a technical surveillance.

9. With respect to the fact that this office had not followed up the RUC report of the Boston Office dated November 30, 1948, to request additional investigation concerning ARTHUR D. LITTLE, INC., this was being considered but up to the present time had not been done.

10. With regard to the Bureau's comments concerning the fact that this office had not followed up the Washington Field on its report of January 5, 1949, showing a negative check of INS, although the subject was known and reported as being a British subject, it should be noted that the last paragraph of the Washington Field report stated that a "Complete check of the INS, maintained at Washington, D. C., failed to locate any record identifiable with the subject or his wife." Accordingly, this office deferred any action with regard to a further check of INS until such time as further information could be developed which would assist INS in locating its files.

11. The bank investigation in this case was limited to two banks; namely, the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank. There was no information developed which would reflect which of the hundreds of banks in New York City was doing business with this individual and the personnel of this office was not available to determine which canvass all of the banks to see which one had an account for STEIN.

It has been our steady desire to afford the priority attention to all Espionage and Internal Security cases which they should have given to them. However, with the high percentage of deadline cases confronting this office during the past year and a half, we have had to concentrate on those matters which appeared to require the most urgent attention. As the Bureau is aware, we found it possible to assign 11 additional agents to Espionage and Internal

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Security cases in the New York Office during the latter part of February. Additional agents are being assigned as the condition of the office permits in order that all phases of investigations of this nature may be exploited to the fullest extent.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Edward Scheidt,
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SAC

For the information of the Bureau, ASAC Alan H. Belmont has advised that he and his wife have taken steps to adopt an [redacted] baby girl. The child, named [redacted] came to live with them effective July 18, 1949, and, after a period of one year, the legal adoption proceedings will be effected.

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Transmitted herewith is an amended Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate executed by ASAC Belmont to record his change in status.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FILE No. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 31, 1949, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs Loretta Belmont Address 15 Bronxville Rd, Bronxville N.Y.
Relationship wife Dated 7/25/49

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name same Address same
Relationship wife Dated 7/25/49

Very truly yours,

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July 29, 1949

Mr. Allen H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The splendid manner in which you personally supervised the investigation of the Judith Coplon case which was so successfully prosecuted in Washington, D. C. should not go unrecognized.

I personally feel that the untiring efforts on your part were major contributions toward the success attained in this case and I want to extend my personal gratitude and commendation for your extreme devotion to duty and know you must entertain a feeling of intense pride for having directed the investigation of this case in such a highly successful manner.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: July 14, 1949

FROM : H. D. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: J DITH COPLAN, WAS
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In connection with the Coplan trial, the following
Special Agents testified as witnesses:

(A. H. Belmont)

Richard E. Brennan

Thomas McAndrews

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Edward S. McCarthy

Leo J. Genthier

Robert R. Greenville

CHY T. HOTTEL

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Frederick A. Webb

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According to comments made from time to time by Mr. John Kelley, Mr. Raymond P. Wherry and Judge Albert Reeves, the testimony of all of the above witnesses was excellent, was very well received, and reflected credit to the Bureau.

Letters of commendation have previously been sent to the SAC of the New York Office for the investigative handling of this case, and to the SAC of the Washington Field Office for the work of his office in the Coplan case and the corollary investigation which resulted in the identification of Flora Dan Sovechin. However, individual letters of commendation to various Agents have not to date been made, with the exception of letters of commendation to Miss Sappho Mares and Miss Catherine Condon, two stenographers of the New York Office who testified concerning their part in the physical surveillance of Coplan and Gubitchev.

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This Bureau Supervisor handling this case from its inception is Special Agent Robert J. Lamphere. His work was most commendatory. Substantive investigative delinquency did not occur. He also appeared as a witness and was the subject of the same commendatory remarks as were afforded to other Bureau personnel by the Court and the attorneys, Kelley and Wherry.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that copies of this memorandum, setting forth the remarks of the prosecutors and Judge Reeves, be placed in the personnel files of the various Agents named above. Further, it is felt that a letter of commendation should be sent to the above-named Agents. If you approve, it is suggested that the letter to Special Agent T. Scott Miller, Jr., also

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

commend him for his work generally in the case, in addition to his testimony, inasmuch as the investigation in New York was assigned to him and he assisted the prosecutors throughout the trial in Washington.

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Lettersoof commendation would also appear to be in order for Special Agents [] and [] of the Washington Field Office, who jointly handled the investigation in Washington. [] was also a witness, having been subpoenaed by the defense. A letter of commendation to ASAC A. H. Belmont, New York, who personally supervised the investigation is believed merited. The letter to Special Agent R. R. GRANVILLE, who testified, should also commend him for his work as the Supervisor of the case in New York.

It is also recommended that Special Agent R. J. Lamphere, Bureau Supervisor of this case, be given a letter of commendation.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York

July 18, 1949

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Although it is likely that there will be a second Hiss trial, I would like to write you at this time concerning the excellent work performed by the personnel of the FBI in the investigation and recent trial of this case.

Assistant Director E. J. Connelley and Assistant Special Agent in Charge A. Belmont rendered invaluable services during the investigation.

Special Agent Ramos Fonhan, the document examiner from the FBI laboratory, was outstanding as an expert witness. The fact that Defense Attorney Stryker did not cross examine Mr. Fonhan is an indication of the excellent impression he made as a witness for the government.

In mentioning the following agents with whom I came in contact in New York I do not wish to imply that I am not aware of the outstanding work performed by the personnel of the FBI in Washington and a large number of field offices throughout the country.

I would like to commend Special Agents John H. Danahy; [redacted] and Thomas G. Spencer for their untiring efforts which were reflected in the smooth handling of witnesses and evidence during the course of the trial. In addition the following Special Agents

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are to be commended: Frank J. O'Brien (Boston);
Robert F. X. O'Keefe; Frank Gallant; [redacted]
[redacted] (Washington, D.C.); Donald E. Shannon;
[redacted] and Supervisor Albert J.
Tuohy.

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I am taking the liberty of forwarding
a copy of this letter to the Attorney General.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Tom

THOMAS J. DONEGAN
Special Assistant to
the Attorney General

August 31, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have been informed of the exceptionally fine work performed by you and Special Agents of the New York Office in connection with the investigation and trial of Alger Hiss.

The persistent, thorough and intelligent manner in which this case was handled throughout the various difficult phases, is, of course, a tribute to your splendid leadership and I do want to take this opportunity to personally commend you for the highly effective fashion in which you supervised this case.

Sincerely,

cc: SAC, New York (P & C)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 5, 1949

To : MR. GLAVIN

From : D. M. LADD

Subject: JAHAM

SAC Ed Scheidt of the New York Office called on August 4 and stated that a number of Agent's names had been submitted by the New York Office for letters of commendation in connection with their handling of this case. He stated they had omitted the name of ASAC/AL Belmont and that in his opinion, Belmont had done a particularly outstanding job in supervising this case in New York and he thought a letter of commendation should go to him also.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -----UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE 8-11-49

TO : MR. GLAVIN

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS.

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS INCREASES AND
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH
THE JAHAM CASE.

L. A. H. Belmont

Memoranda have been received from Mr. H. B. Fletcher, the Laboratory and the Special Agents in Charge of the New York, Boston, Baltimore and Washington Field Offices recommending either meritorious increases in salary or letters of commendation for those Special Agents who participated in the investigation and/or trial of the case entitled JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS: was, et al; ESPIONAGE -R; INTERNAL SECURITY-R. Mr. Ladd concurred in all recommendations.

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SEAT OF GOVERNMENT - SECURITY DIVISION

Mr. Fletcher recommended Special Agent [redacted], principal Bureau Supervisor, and Special Agent [redacted], relief Supervisor, for letters of commendation as it was believed the case was handled in an above average manner with complete credit to the Bureau.

It is also recommended that a letter of commendation be forwarded to Mr. Fletcher for the over-all supervision by him of this important case.

LABORATORY

Mr. Sizoo advised that most of the Laboratory examination of evidence in this case was handled by Special Agent Ramos C. Feehan and ran over a period of several months. The handwriting portion was an extremely difficult handwriting examination and the typewriting examination involved the examination of hundreds of typewriter specimens. All of the examinations were made on an expedite basis and required hours of work during non-working hours. All such work performed by Agent Feehan was most willingly handled although it necessitated the sacrifice of many evenings and week-ends. His examination were all thoroughly and completely made. Mr. Sizoo said that Agent Feehan should be highly commended for the work he had performed in this case, not only for the manner in which he handled the Laboratory examinations but also for the manner in which he testified during the trial. Mr. Sizoo recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in salary for his outstanding performance. Mr. Harbo concurred.

It is to be noted that a letter was received from United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey commenting upon the manner in which Agent Feehan testified during the trial. McGohey stated that Feehan's testimony was a wonderful example of what an intelligent and prepared witness can do; he had persuasive powers not usually expected from mere witnesses and he, McGohey, was deeply gratified to commend Feehan's services.

In a letter to the Bureau dated 7-18-49 Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that Agent Feehan was outstanding as an expert witness and the fact that the Defense Attorney did not cross examine him is an indication of the excellent impression he made as a witness for the government.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent Feehan be afforded a meritorious increase for the outstanding work he performed on this case. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

NEW YORK

SAC Scheidt advised that Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer deserved particular commendation and a meritorious increase in connection with this case. Agent Spencer participated in the investigation and the trial from the beginning to the end. From the initial steps of the investigation, through the painstaking and detailed interview with Jay Whittaker Chambers, subsequent investigative steps up to the preparation of the trial and the trial itself, he was a figure of extreme importance. Agent Spencer gave unstintingly of his time and effort with an absolute disregard for his personal life. Whenever there was a disagreeable, tough assignment requiring detailed knowledge of the case, Spencer volunteered for the assignment. Due to his intense participation in the investigation and because of the interview with Chambers, he was of great value to the government attorneys preparing the case.

By letter to the Bureau dated 7-14-49 USA John F. X. McGohey specifically called attention to the work of Special Agent Spencer, who, he stated, over and above all of the other agents, devoted himself to the prosecution of this case with unequalled energy, intelligence and ability; he was constantly with Mr. McGohey's assistant, and many times into the small hours of the morning, but never once complaining of his own personal convenience or obligations, but on the contrary continuously willing to help in whatever way was possible. Mr. McGohey said he could not recommend Agent Spencer too highly; his work in this case both prior to the trial and at the trial was beyond the call of ordinary duty and reflected nothing but the highest praise of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent Thomas G. Spencer be afforded a meritorious increase for his outstanding performance. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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SAC Scheidt recommended that the following Special Agents be commended by letter for their very fine work on this case:

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ASAC A. H. Belmont
R. F. X. O'Keefe
J. P. Martin

J. J. Danahy
F. X. Plant
J. F. Sullivan
J. T. Neagle

J. M. Kelly

Albert J. Tuohy

F. J. Gallant

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It is recommended that SAC Scheidt be commended by letter for the excellent manner in which this case was handled in the New York Office.

WASHINGTON FIELD

SAC Hottel recommended a meritorious increase in salary be afforded Special Agent Lambert G. Zander, advising that this case was assigned to him and has been handled continuously by him since its inception. He consistently exhibited excellent judgment in handling the investigation and despite the involved

nature of the case demonstrated that he was at all times able to keep the objectives of the investigation properly in mind. In making the decisions necessary to its handling, he demonstrated his ability to analyze properly. Throughout the investigation he exhibited considerable enthusiasm and worked diligently to protect the Bureau's interest in this controversial investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent Zander be afforded a meritorious increase in salary. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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[redacted] and [redacted] devoted the principal portion of their time to this investigation for a period of approximately 90 days; they handled the details in connection with the extensive search made for the Woodstock typewriter involved in this matter. In addition they both conducted a large number of important interviews which resulted in the development of considerable information of value to the prosecution of this case and both applied their energies and enthusiasm fully to this investigation. SAC Hottel advised they demonstrated they are excellent investigators, capable of working on most involved matters, and recommended that they be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work in connection with this case. PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THEIR FILES ARE ATTACHED.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on this case.

SAC Hottel recommended that the following Special Agents be commended by letter for their excellent participation in this case:

John J. Walsh

[redacted]
William H. Atkinson

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Donald D. Connors

It is recommended that SAC Hottel be afforded a letter of commendation for the excellent manner in which this case was handled in the Washington Field Office.

BALTIMORE:

SAC McFarlin recommended that ASAC Robert J. Lally be removed from probation for his outstanding performance in this case. SA McFarlin advised that ASAC Lally supervised this case in the Baltimore Office and the splendid work performed by other agents in that office was largely due to the close supervision which ASAC Lally afforded this case. He spent many long hours of work above and beyond the regular office hours in a sincere endeavor to see to it that the investigative and reporting quality of the Bureau would be reflected in written reports emanating from the office, for which he claimed no compensatory leave. Whatever success the investigative personnel of the office may have achieved in this particular case was largely due to the advice, supervision and guidance which they received from ASAC Lally. SAC McFarlin strongly urged that ASAC Lally be removed from probation.

As you will recall, ASAC Lally was placed on probation on 7-1-49 for a period of 60 days for the serious derelictions on his part in connection with his supervision of the espionage investigation "Ludmila Victor Nekrassoff, was, Espionage -R". It appeared that this case had been assigned to an agent who had not had adequate experience in cases of this type and after a delay of nearly a year, he submitted an investigative report which contained an unreasonable number of errors. ASAC Lally was advised that the reprehensible manner in which this case had been supervised by him cast serious doubt on his ability to function in his present position. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Special Agent [] be reconsidered for reallocation to grade CAF 13 for the outstanding manner in which he performed on the investigation of the JAHAM case. SA McFarlin advised that [] together with another agent, was responsible for the investigative activity of a major portion of the investigation of the Baltimore Office in this case. Agent Johnstone also prepared a large portion of the reports, teletypes and letters which emanated from the office and the results obtained by him are clear evidence of excellent foresight, careful analysis, a high degree of judgment and an intelligent approach to the many investigative problems that account in a large measure for whatever achievement the Baltimore Office may have enjoyed in connection with the investigation.

As you will recall, Agent [] was considered for reallocation to grade CAF 13 on 7-22-49; however, he was passed over at that time as he did not meet all the requirements necessary for such reallocation as he had received a Very Good efficiency rating on 5-29-47. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: Inasmuch as Agent [] does not meet all the requirements for reallocation to grade CAF 13, it is not recommended that he be so reallocated. However, it is recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in grade CAF 12 for the outstanding manner in which he participated in the investigation of this important case.

For the commendatory attitude, actions and achievements of Special Agent Daniel F. X. Callahan, SAC McFarlin recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in salary. McFarlin advised that Agent Callahan, together with Agent [] carried the responsibility for a large portion of the investigative activity in Baltimore Office. Both agents put in more than 100 hours of overtime work in connection with the case, for which no compensatory leave was requested. Agent Callahan's work reflected a high degree of intelligence, judgment and sincere effort. In his interrogations of witnesses, he proved himself to be an outstanding agent. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

It is to be noted that Agent Callahan was transferred to the Security Division at the Seat of Government on 6-15-49.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent Callahan be afforded a meritorious increase in salary for his outstanding work on this case.

SAC McFarlin recommended that the following Special Agents be commended by letter for their work on this case:

William C. Pfeiffer

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Theodore M. Malinowski
Joseph Condon

In view of the fact that SAC McFarlin is presently on probation no recommendation is being made to commend him by letter for the work performed by the Baltimore Office on this case.

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SAC Soucy recommended that Special Agents [redacted] and Francis D. O'Brien be commended by letter for their participation in this case.

It is recommended that SAC Soucy be commended by letter for the excellent work performed by agents of the Boston Office.

By letter dated 7-14-49 United States Attorney John F. X. McGohey advised the Bureau he could not let the opportunity go by without words of the highest praise for the many agents who laboriously and unstintingly worked with his Assistant, Thomas F. Murphy, in the actual preparation and trial of this case. Mr. McGohey felt that this particular case merited special attention and wished the Director to consider his letter as over and above the ordinary letter of appreciation. He stated that the Agents not only gave their time and intelligent observations but fitted so much into the warp and woof of the case that it was absolutely impossible to distinguish between the one where the investigation ended and the trial proper commenced. He called attention to the excellent work of the following Agents:

New York:

[redacted]
Joseph M. Kelly

[redacted]
John F. Sullivan

John J. Danahy
F. X. O'Keefe
Thos. G. Spencer

Francis J. Gallant
Francis X. Plant

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Boston:

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Baltimore: Daniel F. X. Callahan

[redacted]

WFO:

[redacted]

John J. Walsh

Bureau Headquarters: Lish Whitson

By letter dated 7-18-49 Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, wrote concerning the excellent work performed by the personnel of the FBI in the investigation and trial of this case. Mr. Donegan advised that Assistant Director E. J. Connelley and ASAC A. Belmont rendered invaluable service during the investigation. Agent Ramos Feehan was outstanding as an expert witness and the fact that Defense Attorney Stryker did not cross examine him was an indication of the excellent impression he made as a witness for the government. Mr. Donegan commended Special Agents John H. Danahy, Joseph M. Kelly and Thomas G. Spencer for their untiring efforts which were reflected in the smooth handling of

witnesses and evidence during the course of the trial. He also commended Special Agents [redacted] Robert F. X. O'Keefe, Frank Gallant, [redacted] [redacted] and Albert J. Tuohy.

It is recommended that Assistant Director E. J. Connelley and Supervisor Lish Whitson be commended by letter for their splendid work on this case.

If you approve the foregoing recommendation, the necessary papers and letters of commendation are attached.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT:

DATE: August 12, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office telephonically communicated with me today and inquired as to whether the Bureau would approve one week's leave for him from the 15th through the 19th of August.

I advised him the Bureau would have no objection to his taking such leave.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 17, 1949

FROM : Mr. Glavin

SUBJECT: Commendation on Coplon Case

There is attached a letter which has been received from Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, commending the FBI for their work on the Judith Coplon case. A short note in reply thereto is also attached.

Upon conclusion of the Coplon case letters of commendation were forwarded by the Director to those Agents participating in this case. By memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated 7-14-49 Mr. Fletcher recommended that the following Agents be commended by letter and such letters were directed to them on 7-29-49:

Richard E. Brennan

John F. Malley

Thos. McAndrews

Edward S. McCarthy

Kenneth T. Delavigne

Leo J. Gauthier

Robert R. Granville

Guy T. Hottel

Frederick E. Webb

H. Dudley Payne

A. H. Belmont

R. R. Granville

A letter was not sent to SAs R. J. Lamphere and Kenneth T. Delavigne as they had recently been censured in connection with this case.

A letter was not directed to SA [redacted] inasmuch as he was relieved of assignments to Security investigations for his lack of judgment during the course of the Coplon trial.

SA Robert J. Wirth was not directed a letter of commendation as he also was relieved of Security investigation work for his lack of judgment in testifying during the Coplon trial.

By memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated 5-16-49 Mr. [redacted] recommended that [redacted] and [redacted] of the New York Office be commended by letter for their testimony during the trial of this case and letters were directed to them on 5-16-49.

Letters of commendation were not directed to Mr. E. B. Fletcher and Mr. L. L. Laughlin.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Ladd
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Checked by: *CMR*
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October 19, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

This is to advise you that you have been recommended for a promotion from \$9103 per annum to \$9407.25 per annum in Grade CAF 14, which award for superior accomplishment will become effective the first pay period following clearance by the Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards.

It has afforded me great pleasure to recommend this promotion in view of the outstanding services performed by you in connection with the trial of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City. It is considered you used excellent judgment in protecting the Bureau's interest at all times during your general supervision of this long and difficult case and I desire to express my sincere appreciation and commendation for your efficient performance of duty.

Sincerely yours,

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September 7, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have just been informed of the newest addition to your household and I want to take this opportunity to express my hearty congratulations to Mrs. Belmont and you.

I know that Barbara Lenore has added much pleasure to your lives and it is my sincere wish that the future will bring the fulfillment of all your hopes and plans for her.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC - SAC, New York
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Department of Justice
RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

Date October 19, 1949

To: The Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General
Attention: Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards

From: Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Division, Bureau or Office)

Subject: Superior Accomplishment Award
Section 403, Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945

The following recommendation is presented for consideration at your next meeting:

Name: Mr. Alan H. Belmont Division:

Position title: Special Agent Grade: CAF 14 Salary: \$9108

Last salary increase: \$8608.75 to \$9108 Date: 2-6-49 Amount: \$299.25

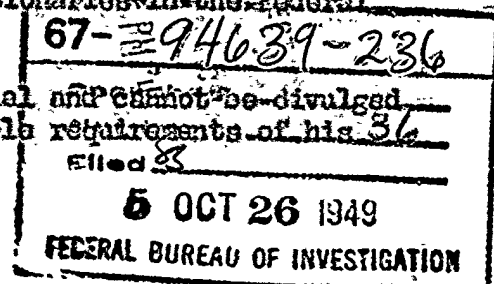
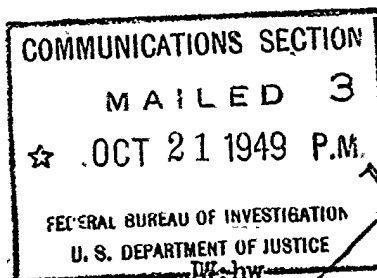
Last superior accomplishment award: \$5600 Date: 1-1-43 Amount: \$200.00

Description of superior accomplishment. Include following information:

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It is recommended that this employee be afforded an advancement from \$9108 per annum to \$9407.25 per annum in Grade CAF 14, in view of the outstanding services performed by him in connection with the trial and conviction of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City.

The nature of the services performed is confidential and cannot be divulged but such services were over and above the reasonable requirements of his position.



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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Recommended:

Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards

Admin. Assistant to the Attorney General

Approved: _____
Attorney General

Date

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MR. ALAN H. BELMONT

MR. ALAN H. Belmont

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT PAY INCREASE

Date

October 20, 1949

Personnel Action Number

F.B.I.-

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Legal Authority

Nature
of Action

Effective

October 20, 1949

FROM

TO

Position

Special Agent

None

Grade

GS 14

None

Salary

\$3200

\$2400

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NATURE OF POSITION

a. VICE

b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

c. NEW

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Date of Oath

REMARKS

Promotion for superior accomplishment under Federal Employees Pay Act of July 1, 1945. This award for superior accomplishment is in view of the outstanding services performed by him in connection with the trial and conviction of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City. Prom. under the Auto. Prom. Bill, Public Law #200 as amended 6-20-45, from \$3003.75 to \$3100 in CAP 14 eff. 2-6-49. Superior Accompl. award in CAP 13 from \$2600 to \$2800 eff. 1-1-43. Last efficiency rating - EXCELLENT - Approved Rating Committee 6-15-49.

Attachment: Justification for Civil Service Commission

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 2, 1949

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT
ASAC - NEW YORK

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

SAC Scheidt of the New York Office telephonically communicated with me today and stated that Mr. Belmont, who has recently been feeling poorly, was taken to the Lawrence Hospital at Bronxville, New York today for treatment. It appears that Mr. Belmont may be suffering from a kidney ailment, although it was not definitely determined at the present time. Mr. Scheidt does not have any information at this time as to how long Mr. Belmont will remain in the Bronxville Hospital. Belmont resides at 15 Bronxville Road, apartment 3-J, Bronxville, New York.

A letter to Mr. Belmont is attached hereto.

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

October 27, 1949

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Miss Gandy

J. Edgar Hoover
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was very happy to receive your letter of October 19, 1949, advising me of my recommendation for a promotion. While the monetary increase is, of course, acceptable, the real importance of the letter to me is my conviction that you personally must have confidence in me or the letter would not have been sent.

Please be assured that I will always try my utmost to merit your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Alan H. Belmont
ALAN H. BELMONT

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DIRECTOR *Belmont*

New York 7, New York

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October 15, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RECORDED BY 1565 SDP/15B

ON 9-23-91

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference conversation ASAC Alfred H. Belmont with Mr. Fletcher today concerning employees who most actively participated in the investigation and the trial which resulted in the conviction of the eleven Communist Party leaders October 14, 1949, at New York. This covered recommendations for meritorious increases in salaries as to Special Agents John F. Wacks and [redacted] and letters recommending the work of a number of agents and Supervisor Marchessault of the New York office, as well as two agents of the Cleveland office and one agent of the St. Louis office, with which I concurred in the recommendation when made today.

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In this situation I believe, from an examination of material submitted from day to day, that the New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and St. Louis offices, in the order named, did a most excellent job generally, and particularly in following up the necessary subsequent investigation during the trial and the submission of the detail which was used by the United States Attorney in the cross examination of such individuals who were used as defense witnesses, and as to many others whom it was not necessary to call.

It is recommended that the special agent in charge of the New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and St. Louis offices, and through him the personnel of his office, be commended for their diligent and conscientious effort in furthering the interest of the Government's case and in maintaining the usual prestige of the Bureau in its investigative actions. The above as to the New York office would be in addition to the individual recommendations which have been made as to the personnel.

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Letter to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director

It is not intended by this to discount the work of the other offices working on this matter, all of which produced very good results.

Particularly I wish to recommend for consideration the work of ASAC Alan H. Belmont. This employee most diligently applied himself to the case, handling numerous contacts with the United States Attorney, the judge in the trial, as well as directing intimately many and sundry special situations which arose from day to day during the lengthy trial. His decisions and application to the work necessary from day to day were substantial. He was amenable to suggestions from time to time where I found this necessary and he understandingly and effectively applied such suggestions.

It is recommended that, if possible, he be given a meritorious increase in salary.

It is believed that this joint effort of the personnel referred to above and others who participated in the inquiry during the trial, or were responsible for prior investigation leading to the possibility of placing these individuals on trial, maintained the traditions of the Bureau, as well as enhanced the reputation of the Bureau to always produce. I believe also that in so far as our activities were disclosed by the trial, we placed the fear of God and the F.B.I. in the hearts of the zealous members of the Communist Party. Many of these now sit with what is supposedly their fellow zealot in the Communist Party and its objectives of destruction, but there will always be the inherent fear that the other fellow next to him may be an informant of the F.B.I.

While I always try to be most circumspect in self satisfaction, although believing we have done a good job under your leadership, still I believe in this the results are much to be proud of and that the public reaction is the same.

You may also wish, or possibly have done so, to congratulate Mr. John F. X. McGohey, United States Attorney. His work was outstanding and I believe he bore the brunt of presenting the Government's case. He was, of course, undoubtedly materially and effectively assisted by the various assistants working with him. Of interest was the situation wherein the defendant, Eugene Dennis, made reference to the fact that if the Party was convicted, the Party would go underground, and as to which in his summation Mr. McGohey indicated that if the Communist Party goes

Letter to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

underground the F. B. I. will go underground with it doing its customary efficient job.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Assistant Director

November 3, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
15 Bronxville Road
Apartment 3-J
Bronxville, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I was indeed sorry to learn through Mr. Schetdt that you have not been feeling up to par lately and that the condition of your health necessitated your being confined to the hospital.

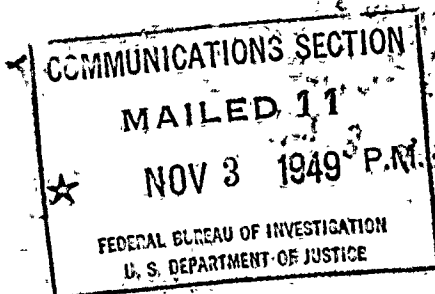
Not only do I wish to take this opportunity to let you know that all of us in the Bureau hope the medical attention you are receiving will enable you to rapidly return to normal good health, but also I want to urge you to absolutely get out of your mind any thought of official duties during your convalescence period.

Should there be anything any of us here can do to assist you, you need but let me know.

Sincerely,

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Prepared by
Checked by
Dated by: *mlh*

November 7, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

In connection with the Bureau's letter of October 19, 1949 advising you had been recommended for a superior accomplishment award, I am writing to advise you that this recommendation was approved October 20, 1949 to become effective October 30, 1949. Inasmuch as the amended Classification Act became effective on the same date, you are advised that as of October 30, 1949 your salary became \$9400.

Sincerely yours,

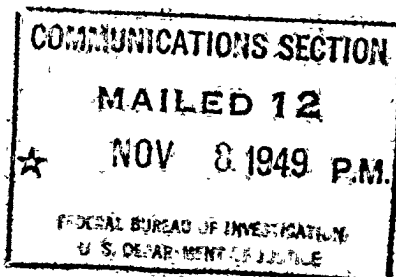
John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC, New York (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
Mr. J. E. Edwards
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RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Date October 19, 1949

To: The Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General
Attention: Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards

From: Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Division, Bureau or Office)

Subject: Superior Accomplishment Award
Section 403, Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945

The following recommendation is presented for consideration at your next meeting:

Name: Mr. Alan H. Belmont Division: --

Position title: Special Agent Grade: CAF 14 Salary: \$9108

Last salary increase: \$8808.75 to \$9108 Date: 2-6-49 Amount: \$299.25
in CAF 14

Last superior accomplishment award: \$5600 Date: 1-1-43 Amount: \$200.00
to \$5800 in CAF 13

Description of superior accomplishment. Include following information:

(a) What the standards are for this employee's type of work or what is normally expected in the position; (b) What this employee did; (c) How the work he did exceeded the standards, or how the idea or method or device is expected to improve service, or how the special act or service exceeds the normal requirements of his job.

It is recommended that this employee be afforded an advancement from \$9108 per annum to \$9407.25 per annum in Grade CAF 14, in view of the outstanding services performed by him in connection with the trial and conviction of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City.

The nature of the services performed is confidential and cannot be divulged but such services were over and above the reasonable requirements of his position.

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Recommended:

Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards
S. H. K. H. H. H.
Admin. Assistant to the Attorney General

Date
10/28/49
Date

Approved:

J. Edgar Hoover
Head of Division or Bureau
10-28-49
Attorney General
Date

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

Department of Justice
RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

Date October 19, 1949

To: The Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General
Attention: Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards

From: William E. Thompson, Jr., Government Security Administration
(Division, Bureau or Office)

Subject: Superior Accomplishment Award
Section 403, Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945

The following recommendation is presented for consideration at your next meeting:

Name: Mr. Alan E. Belmont

Division:

Position title: Special Agent

Grade: CAP 14 Salary: \$9108

Last salary increase: \$8800.75 to \$9108

Date: 2-6-49 Amount: \$299.25

Last superior accomplishment award: \$5600

Date: 1-1-43 Amount: \$210.00

Description of superior accomplishment. Include following information:

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It is recommended that this employee be afforded an advancement from \$9108 per annum to \$9407.25 per annum in Grade CAP 14, in view of the outstanding services performed by him in connection with the trial and conviction of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City.

The nature of the services performed is confidential and cannot be divulged but such services were over and above the reasonable requirements of his position.

Recommended:

S. C. Anania
Committee on Superior Accomplishment Awards
Admin. Assistant to the Attorney General

Approved:

J. Howard McEvath
Date 10-28-49
Date

J. E. McEvath
Head of Division or Bureau

10-27-49
Attorney General
Date

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

December 20, 1949

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for the very capable manner in which you participated in the apprehension of Paul L. Kilmer, subject of a recent Extortion case.

I am keenly aware that your able supervision and devotion to duty played an important part in the successful results accomplished. You may take justifiable pride in knowing that yours was a job well done.

Sincerely,

cc: SAC, New York (P & C)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: December 19, 1949

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: MERITORIOUS INCREASES
LETTERS OF COMMENDATION
PAUL L. KILMER, was;
VICTOR EMANUEL - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ALAN H. BELMONT

There are attached hereto twelve letters of commendation and two letters awarding meritorious increases to personnel of the New York Office for the investigation of the extortion case involving Victor Emanuel. The subject of this case, Paul L. Kilmer, has been apprehended in New York, has confessed to his implication in instant matter and has given a signed statement to this effect. SAC Scheidt has advised that in all, 64 Agents of the New York Office and two Stenographers have been singled out for the exceptional work performed by them on this case. The 66 people assigned to New York who worked on this case are being listed in a separate communication from the New York Office so that appropriate memoranda may be placed in their personnel files, both in the New York Office and at the Seat of Government. Mr. Scheidt has cited 9 Agents and 2 Stenographers for specific commendation and includes, in addition, in this category, ASACS Whelan and Belmont.

FACTS OF EXTORTION CASE

On 11/15/49 an extortion letter was received by the victim and immediately made known by the victim's wife to the New York Office. Attempts to make contact with the subject on this and one other occasion, namely on 12/2/49, met with negative results. On these two occasions the victim himself, under the direction of Agents of the New York Office, endeavored to act as contact man. The stress of this ordeal caused a physical set-back, necessitating that the victim go to the hospital for treatment following the attempted contact with the subject on 12/2/49. Thereafter, a plan was engineered by SAC Scheidt calling upon the use of a Bureau Agent for the purpose of contact. The Agent was to act as a friend of the victim, and it was this plan of operation that was finally successful in causing the subject's apprehension. Through a devious trail involving several restaurants in Manhattan and a cab driver intermediary employed by the subject, the locale of the search for the subject finally narrowed down to a bar and bowling alley in Queens County. The subject, after instructing the New York Agent intermediary to place the extortion package with a bartender at the Charles Cafe, made arrangements with the cab driver to pick it up, using as a pretext the fact that he had forgotten the package and did not want to go home without it. The cab driver was surveilled, overtaken, and after explaining his part agreed to cooperate.

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Memo for Glavin

The package was taken by the cab driver to the Rose Bush Bar at 40th and Skillman Avenue in Queens after appropriate surveillance was established at this point. Thereafter, through extensive and intensive surveillance, investigation and observation in the neighborhood, based upon the description of the subject as supplied by the cab driver, a suspect was developed by two of the New York Agents and he was surveilled to a point where contact could be made with the cab driver, who identified the subject before he was taken into custody. Through investigative steps, 7 or 8 witnesses were located at the scene who can testify that the subject had been in the bar and the bartender is in a position to state that the subject had requested him to accept the package when delivered. The subject was interrogated in the New York Office and at first was uncooperative, egotistical and difficult to deal with. Thereafter, through adroit questioning he finally admitted his participation in this case and furnished a signed statement to this effect. There follows a brief summary of the outstanding work performed by the various Agents who are being commended by the attached communications.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

SAC EDWARD SCHEIDT

As SAC of the New York Office, Mr. Scheidt assumed the command of this investigation and worked extensively and intensively upon all phases of the investigative steps employed. He personally was on the scene of operations of the first two attempted pay-offs and conceived the scheme of utilizing an intermediary to act for the victim.

ASAC ALAN H. BELMONT

Mr. Belmont, as ASAC of the New York Office, actively participated in the supervision, correlation, and progress of this investigation. He was supervising operations on the scene and stayed in the office at other times acting in the coordinating capacity. He worked long hours and throughout the night of the subject's apprehension.

ASAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN

ASAC Whelan of the New York Office performed a similar function as Mr. Belmont, assuming direct supervision over many phases of this investigation, both in the New York Office and on the various scenes of operation when the subject was taken into custody.

MATTHIAS R. GRIFFIN

SAC Scheidt has advised that Agent Griffin was instrumental in making the first contact by telephone with the subject whereby the chain of circumstances was put into action, ending with the subject's apprehension. Griffin was able to successfully sell himself to the subject

Memo for Glavin.

as the authorized intermediary of the victim and gained the subject's confidence to the point where the apprehension was set in motion.

EDWARD H. HUGHES

Agent Hughes is assigned as an Agent Supervisor in the New York Office and directly supervises the extortion violations. Since the inception of this case until the time the subject was taken into custody he has worked continuously, put in long hours, coordinated the efforts of the other Agents and assisted in extensive investigation, much of which is a necessary adjunct to the case but as in all such large investigations, many of the leads went up blind alleys. It was a question of ferreting out the right channel and following through. SAC Schedit says that Hughes did an admirable job.

CHARLES L. GREEN

Agent Green worked long hours from the beginning to the end of this case, performing outstanding surveillance and investigative work and contributed materially to the final results.

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SAC Scheidt states that Agent [REDACTED] spent two nights at the Emanuel home gained the confidence of the victim, exhibited tact and diplomacy and participated in surveillances necessary to the final completion of this case.

[REDACTED]

SAC Scheidt states that this Agent participated in surveillances, assisted at the scene of operation when the subject was apprehended, and took the lead in questioning the subject, doing an exceptionally well job with a difficult and egotistical individual in causing him to admit his implication in instant case and securing a signed statement from the subject.

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This Agent is assigned as Assistant Supervisor of the squad covering extortion matters in New York and actively participated in the weighing of investigative leads and following through on them. He spent several nights at the victim's home and all-in-all performed in an admirable fashion.

[REDACTED]

This Agent worked on this case from its inception until the time the subject was taken into custody. He participated in surveillances, worked long hours and exhibited outstanding devotion to duty.

Memo for Glavin

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STENOGRAPHERS [] AND []

These two stenographers of the New York Office voluntarily gave of their services throughout the night the subject was apprehended and SAC Scheidt states that they did an admirable job in taking the dictation and the signed statemtn of the subject, working long hours to see that the work was transcribed and exhibited devotion to duty in their work.

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[] AND []

Agent [] worked throughout the course of this investigation and was on the scene of operations when the final resting place of the extortion package was reached in the bar in Queens. He observed individuals in the tavern at that time and later on while cruising the area, together with Agent [], recognized the subject, who was walking on the street, as being an individual who had been in the bar when the package was in position and based upon descriptive data furnished by the cab driver, they believed this individual to be identical with the subject. They surveilled him to a bowling alley and were able to keep him under observation until contact was established through the New York Office with the Agents who had custody of the cab driver. Thereafter, the cab driver was brought to the bowling alley and prior to the time the subject was taken into custody he was positively identified by the cab driver as being the subject. For their outstanding investigative work which culminated in the subject's apprehension, they are being recommended for meritorious increases as follows:

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Agent [] is to be promoted from \$7000 per annum to \$7200 per annum in Grade GS-12.

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Agent [] is to be promoted from \$6600 per annum to \$6800 per annum in Grade GS-12.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THESE AGENTS' FILES ARE ATTACHED.

GENERAL

SAC Scheidt has advised that in all a total of 66 Agents and clerical employees of the New York Office were involved in the successful operations leading to the culmination of this case. He has suggested that their names be forwarded to the Bureau and appropriate notices placed in their personnel files. This will be done. It is recommended that in addition to the personal letter to SAC Scheidt, that a separate communication go forward to him commending the New York Office as a unit and requesting SAC Scheidt to personally express the Director's appreciation and commendation to all of the personnel of the New York Office who worked on this case. There is attached a letter for this purpose.

Attachment

ALAN H. BELMONT

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

E.O.D. 11/30/36

CAF-14 - \$9,407.25

Offices of Preference: None

Agent's exam: 92.50

SAC SCHEIDT: Mr. Belmont's services as ASAC of Division I have been exceptionally outstanding. He has shown an extraordinary grasp of the problems confronting him and has proved to be a great asset to the Bureau at New York. He enjoys the confidence of the personnel of the office, has the ability to grasp and supervise involved and complicated cases, and is extremely conscientious and loyal. He has demonstrated at all times that he has the best interests of the Bureau at heart. He is fully qualified in every respect to serve as a Special Agent in Charge. Rating: EXCELLENT

INSPECTOR GURNEA:

ASAC Belmont presents a good appearance and has a good personality. Belmont is particularly familiar

Inspection Report
New York Office
Inspector M. E. Gurnea
October 19, 1949.
Interviewed by: Inspector Gurnea

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with the functions and administration of the New York Office and does not become confused when handling involved matters. He has exhibited initiative and force when dealing with outside officials. Likewise, he is a disciplinarian and handles personnel very well. I was very much impressed with Belmont and believe he is thoroughly qualified to serve as Special Agent in Charge of any Bureau Field Office. It was noted that the Special Agent in Charge relies considerably upon his judgment and experience.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Southern District of New York;
 United States Court House
 Foley Square
 New York 7, N. Y.

October 31, 1949

A H Belmont

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am really at a loss for words to tell you how grateful I am and how proud I think you should be of the work which the Federal Bureau of Investigation did on the case of United States v. Foster, which was recently successfully concluded by a verdict of guilty as to all defendants on trial. I want to make it clear that I, at least, realize that we could never have gotten into court at all if it had not been for the superb work of your Bureau in assembling the materials which had been so skillfully collected over a long period of time.

It is impossible for me to list the names of all the agents who worked on the case because I don't know them, but I shall list here those with whom I came in personal contact. To begin with, there are Mr. Scheidt and Mr. Belmont in the New York Office, under whom the agents were working directly. Mr. Belmont was as always of great help. Then there are the following agents who were actively associated with the day to day work of the trial:

[redacted]
 John F. Wachs,

[redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted]
 John T. Murphy
 Chester A. Nally
 Frank J. Smith
 William S. Tavel
 John J. Manning

In addition to these, I especially want to commend the men in the photo-laboratory. Their assistance was constant every day.

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Hon J. Edgar Hoover

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October 31, 1949

Besides these agents in New York, there were the following from other cities:

[redacted] from Atlanta, who was particularly helpful when the defense attempted unsuccessfully and without foundation to have Juror No. 2, Russell Janney, removed;

John B. O'Donoghue, David Wible and B. Paul Kotowicz of Cleveland;

John F. Glenville of Chicago
Carl R. O'Connor of St. Louis
Fred Cook and [redacted] of Detroit.

These last two agents, in addition to their other work, were called as witnesses. You should be proud of both of them. They made excellent witnesses. Agent Cook was subjected to a long and searching cross-examination. I have never seen or heard a more intelligent witness nor one who controlled himself better through very trying conditions.

All of these men whom I have mentioned did a very superior job. I hope that I don't seem to be "playing it up". If I tend to superlatives in my comments, it is because these men did superlative work, in a case that was very difficult and very complicated. There were very few instances where the agents had not anticipated everything that we could possibly need. In a few instances where day to day developments at the trial required something additional for them to do, they did it with speed and skill. The result was that at no time during the trial were we ever lacking anything that we needed.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this letter and to commend to you all of the men who worked on the case.

With my deepest gratitude and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John F. X. McGhey

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D.C.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: 10-19-49

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: Recommendations for meritorious increases and letters of commendation in connection with the case COMMUNIST PARTY - USA - BRIEF; INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

A. H. BELMONT

There are attached hereto thirty-one letters of commendation and six recommendations for meritorious increases resulting from the recent conviction of the eleven top Communists in the U.S. Federal Court at New York City. These recommendations are based upon consultation between representatives of the Security Division, the New York Office and Assistant Director E. J. Connelley.

The personnel recommended for commendation are:

The Assistant to the Director, D. M. Ladd
Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
Inspector Howard B. Fletcher
Inspector James A. Carlson
Inspector Kenneth R. McIntire
SAC Edward Scheidt, New York
SAC G. R. McSwain, Chicago
SAC R. J. Abbaticchio, Cleveland
SAC E. A. Soucy, Boston
SAC G. B. Norris, St. Louis
Section Chief, Internal Security Section, Fred J. Baumgardner
SA [redacted] New York
SA [redacted] New York
SA Russell S. Garner, New York
SA [redacted] New York
SA Joseph V. Waters, New York
SA Chester A. Reilly, New York
SA [redacted] New York
SA [redacted] New York
SA William S. Tavel, New York
SA [redacted] New York
SA Frank J. Smith, New York
SA Alfred B. Novak, New York
SA [redacted] Detroit
SA [redacted] Chicago
SA Benjamin P. Kotowicz, Cleveland
SA David A. Wible, Cleveland
SA Arthur W. Pejeau, Cleveland
SA [redacted] Dallas (formerly at SOG)
SA Carl R. O'Connor, St. Louis

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Those recommended for meritorious increases for outstanding work are:

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	<u>Present Grade</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>Recommended Increase</u>
ASAC A. H. Belmont, New York	CAF 14	\$9108	\$9407.25
Lish Whitson, Security Division	CAF 14	\$8509.50	\$8808.75
E. J. Powers, Security Division	CAF 13	\$7432.20	\$7671.60
John F. Wacks, New York	CAF 12	\$6714	\$6953.40.
 , New York	CAF 12	\$6474.60	\$6714
E. Hugo Winterrowd, Security Div.	CAF 14	\$8509.50	\$8808.75

Permanent briefs of their files are attached.

LISH WHITSON.

Chief, Espionage Section
Security Division

With respect to Section Chief Whitson of the Security Division, it is pointed out he is presently on probation as a result of deficiencies disclosed in the survey covering the Agnes Smedley and Gunther Stein cases. He was originally placed on probation on 3-24-49. Following the inspection of the Security Division recently completed he was continued on probation. On 10-5-49 Mr. Clegg recommended that he be removed from probation inasmuch as those items which had needed correction or improvement as reflected in the inspection had been corrected and a vast improvement shown. Mr. Glavin agreed. Mr. Tolson, however, suggested that another check of the Security Division be made on December 1st. The Director agreed. Mr. Whitson is presently Chief of the Espionage Section in the Security Division. At the time the Communist Party Brief was prepared he was assigned to the Internal Security Section working on Communist Party matters. He was the original supervisor who had charge of the preparation of this Brief. His tremendous store of background knowledge regarding the over-all Communist movement and the individuals who comprised its leadership made him the most suitable man for this task. Much of the form in which the Brief was prepared sprung from ideas accredited to Mr. Whitson. During the preparation of the Brief he voluntarily forewent his annual vacation. During this time he also worked long hours of overtime without regard for his personal convenience. This man has been described as being a "walking encyclopedia" on matters pertaining to the Communist Party and Internal Security matters in general. He has unstintingly given his services to the Bureau's work.

In view of the fine piece of work performed by Mr. Whitson in connection with this case it is recommended that he be removed from probation and afforded a meritorious increase in salary in line with the recommendations above. Should you approve, the necessary letter is attached.

" I WILL APPROVE GLAVIN'S RECOMMENDATION. H."
" I RECOMMEND LETTER OF COMMENDATION ONLY. T."

HOWARD B. FLETCHER

Inspector, Acting Assistant Director
Security Division

Mr. Fletcher has been Acting Assistant Director in charge of the Security Division since June, 1948. Mr. Fletcher was placed on probation on 3-25-49 as a result of the deficiencies disclosed in the survey covering the Agnes Smedley and Gunther Stein cases. On 10-5-49 Mr. Clegg recommended that he be removed from probation inasmuch as those items which had needed correction or improvement as reflected in the inspection had been corrected and a vast improvement shown. Mr. Glavin agreed. Mr. Tolson, however, suggested that another check of the Security Division be made on December 1st. The Director agreed. As the acting head of the Security Division he has borne the brunt of considerable pressure which a trial of such length and magnitude would be expected to produce. It has been his responsibility to make decisions on a day to day basis affecting the progress of the trial and the evidence offered to the court. His judgment has been unerring as evidenced by the most favorable press reaction, and is exemplified by the fact that in no instance was there unfavorable publicity forthcoming throughout the nine months of this trial.

For such outstanding devotion to duty which has culminated in the excellent results obtained it is recommended that Mr. Fletcher be removed from probation and afforded a personal letter of commendation from the Director. If you approve, there is attached hereto a letter advising him of this.

D. M. LADD

The Assistant to the Director

During the development of the evidence long prior to the time this case went to trial Mr. Ladd was Assistant Director of the Security Division and as such he held the role now assigned to Mr. Fletcher. Since 5-10-49 he has been The Assistant to the Director in charge of Investigative Operations and has been responsible for the collecting of evidence and prosecution of the eleven Communist leaders. It is recommended that Mr. Ladd be commended by letter. Should you approve, this letter is attached hereto.

With respect to the other employees cited for meritorious increases there follows a brief summary of services performed by them in connection with this case:

ASAC A. H. BELMONT

Mr. Belmont was charged with the general supervision of this case and gave it close and continuous attention throughout the trial. He conferred frequently with the USA regarding issues which arose and exercised excellent judgment in protecting the Bureau's interest at all times.

"I SUGGEST LETTER OF COMMENDATION ONLY. T."

"I WILL APPROVE GLAVIN'S RECOMMENDATION. H."

"LETTER HELD. T."

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SA JOHN F. WACKS

Agent Wacks of the New York Office was assigned to the preparation of the original Brief in New York and at a later date was assigned to the Bureau on a special to assist in the preparation of the Brief in its original form at the Seat of Government. After prosecution was decided upon, Agent Wacks was assigned to work exclusively with the U. S. Attorney and in this capacity was of tremendous assistance to him, and it was he who pointed out to Mr. McGohey the term "aesopian language" which the U. S. Attorney used with such telling effect in his cross-examination of defense witnesses. He made many useful suggestions in the prosecution of this case and worked considerable overtime over a very long period and his enthusiasm and devotion to duty were outstanding.

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Agent [REDACTED] of the New York Office was assigned to cover the Court proceedings and covered the trial throughout its long tenure and worked overtime and on week-ends without regard for his personal convenience. He and Agent Wacks served as a team in the coverage of the trial.

SA E. HUGO WINTERROWD

Supervisor Winterrowd, Security Division, was assigned to the preparation of the original Communist Party Brief at the Seat of Government and his untiring efforts contributed in a large part to the successful manner in which the Brief was prepared. During the period he was assigned to the preparation of the Brief, he voluntarily forewent his annual vacation.

SA E. J. POWERS

Supervisor Powers, Security Division, has been assigned as Supervisor of this case at the Seat of Government since some time prior to the time the trial was instituted. He has given enthusiastic and intelligent attention to every phase of the case and by his diligent attention to details has helped to avert situations which may have proven embarrassing to the Bureau. He voluntarily gave up his annual vacation period and performed his duties generally in connection with this case in an outstanding manner. In addition, he has prepared a Supplemental to the original Brief which was forwarded to the Department in order that the U. S. Attorney in New York might have the most recent and up-to-date information in regard to this over-all matter.

"I AGREE AS TO ABOVE FIVE. T." 10-20-49

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM --UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 17, 1949

FROM: MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA - BRIEF
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ALBERT BELMONT

The prosecution against the eleven Communist leaders in New York City culminated in their conviction on October 14, 1949. This involved case, the trial of which lasted nine months, was fraught with potentially embarrassing situations to the Bureau. However, due to the alertness and sound judgement exercised by our personnel, not a single instance of embarrassment resulted to the Bureau during the entire course of the trial.

As you will recall, the Bureau worked for more than one year in the preparation of the Communist Party Brief and it was this work which laid the foundation for the successful prosecution of the eleven Communist leaders.

In retrospect I feel we should consider for appropriate commendation a number of the Bureau's personnel who bore the brunt of the work in preparing and presenting this important case. For the purpose of clarity the personnel to be recommended for commendation will be divided into Field Personnel and Seat of Government Personnel. The recommendations will be further sub-divided to reflect those Special Agents who will be recommended for meritorious raises and those who will be recommended for letters of commendation.

FIELD PERSONNEL

In view of the fact that the New York Office was Office of Prosecution as well as the Office of Origin in this case it is recommended that SAC Edward Scheidt be afforded a personal letter of commendation. It is further recommended that a general letter regarding work performed by Agents under his supervision be forwarded to him and that he be instructed to bring it to the attention of the personnel in his office who participated in this case to express your pleasure in the manner in which they performed their duties.

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Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY

Mr. Connelley has handled the over-all supervision of this case in the Field since the trial started in New York City. He gave intensive and constant attention to all developments which arose in connection with this case and performed generally in his usual brilliant fashion.

In view of this fact I feel that a letter of personal commendation should be forwarded to Mr. Connelley.

RECOMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS RAISES

ASAC ALBERT BELMONT

Mr. Belmont, who was charged with the general supervision of this case, gave the matter his close and continuous attention throughout the trial. He conferred frequently with the USA regarding issues which arose and exercised excellent judgement in protecting the Bureau's interest at all times. As you will recall, Mr. Belmont has previously been accredited letters of commendation for the outstanding work he performed in connection with the Hiss, Chambers and Judith Coplan Cases

In view of his outstanding work it is recommended that he be considered for a meritorious raise at this time.

Special Agent JOHN F. WACKS (New York Office)

SA Wacks of the New York Office was assigned to the preparation of the original Brief in New York and at a later date was assigned to the Bureau on a special to assist in the preparation of the Brief in its original form at the Seat of Government. After the Department decided to prosecute this case, SA Wacks was assigned to work exclusively with U.S. Attorney. In this capacity he was of tremendous assistance to the U. S. Attorney and it was he who pointed out to Mr. McGohey the term "aesopian language" which the U. S. Attorney used with such telling effect in his cross-examination of defense witnesses. He made many useful suggestions which the U. S. Attorney utilized in the prosecution of this case. He worked a considerable amount of overtime over a very long period and his enthusiasm and devotion to duty were outstanding.

In view of the outstanding service performed by this Agent in connection with this case it is recommended that he be considered for a meritorious raise.

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Special Agent [] (New York Office)

This Special Agent was assigned to cover the Court proceedings. He covered the trial throughout its long tenure and it should be noted that he worked overtime and on weekends without regard for his personal convenience. He and SA Wacks worked as a team in the coverage of the trial.

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In view of SA [] outstanding devotion to duty and the excellent manner in which he handled his assignment I recommend that he be considered for a meritorious raise.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

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Special Agent [] (New York Office)

SA [] was assigned the task of handling not only the New York informants but also visiting informants. He performed this difficult task in a most creditable fashion and was always available at any time of the day or night. He worked long hours with complete disregard for his personal convenience and the enthusiastic and capable manner in which he performed his duties can not be classified less than outstanding.

In view of his excellence performance of duty it is suggested that he be afforded a letter of commendation.

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Special Agent [] (New York Office)

SA [] prepared the digests used by the USA in connection with this case on the following defendants:

Gilbert Green
Carl Winter
Gus Hall

These are the three defendants who resided outside of New York City. When these witnesses testified SA [] was in the court room to assist the USA in their cross-examination. In addition to the above, this Agent also interviewed some of the witnesses in the case. He handled his assignment in an intelligent manner and it should be noted that on one occasion he took one of our most effective confidential informants, Herbert A. Philbrick, into his own home over a weekend. It should be recalled that Philbrick is from Boston, Massachusetts, and SA [] act in taking him into his home over a weekend while he was in New York demonstrates Mr. [] interest in keeping our informant in the best possible frame of mind during this important period.

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In view of the excellent manner in which Mr. [] performed his duties in connection with this case it is suggested that he be afforded a letter of commendation.

Special Agent RUSSEL S. GARNER (New York Office)

This entire case was assigned to SA Garner. He was primarily responsible for its proper supervision. He assisted in the apprehension of some of the eleven Communist leaders. During the course of the trial he personally handled many important and urgent leads which required expeditious handling and attention. He performed, on a volunteer basis, a very large amount of over time. His enthusiastic and intelligent handling of his assignment was outstanding.

In the light of the above facts I suggest that SA Garner be afforded a letter of commendation for the services he performed in connection with this case.

Special Agent FRANK J. SMITH (New York Office)

SA Smith was assigned to cover all picketing activities which occurred in New York City as an outgrowth of the trial of this case. In addition to that he prepared the digest on Henry Winston, one of the defendants. When Winston took the stand SA Smith was in the court room in order to assist the USA in the cross-examination of Winston. In addition to this he also assisted in the interviews of some of our informants. On many occasions he volunteered to perform tasks which arose after the close of the regular working day and worked a considerable amount of over time in connection with his assignments on this case.

In view of the excellent attitude exhibited by SA Smith and the fact that he handled his assignments in an excellent manner, I recommend that he be afforded a letter of commendation.

Special Agent WILLIAM S. TAVEL (New York Office)

SA Tavel assisted the USA in his review of the many documents which were used as evidence in this case. He prepared an excellent CP Organization Chart for Judge Medina. The Judge has indicated that he plans to keep this chart as a memento of the trial. In addition, SA Tavel covered many urgent leads during the course of the trial. He worked over time without regard for his personal convenience and performed his duties in an enthusiastic and intelligent manner.

In view of the above it is suggested that SA Tavel be afforded a letter of commendation.

Special Agent WARREN MARCHESSAULT (New York Office)

Mr. Marchessault is the supervisor of the Communist Section and it was the Special Agents assigned to his Squad who performed practically all of the work handled in the New York Office in this case. Mr. Marchessault was alert at all times to prevent any embarrassment to the Bureau in connection with this matter. In addition to that he assisted in the preparation of the Daily Digest of the testimony given in this case. He performed over time without regard for his personal convenience. He was assisted in the preparation of the Daily Digest by the following Special Agents:

Alfred B. Novak
[redacted]

Chester A. Reilly
Joseph V. Waters
[redacted]

Robert C. Burns

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The Daily Digest prepared by Supervisor Marchessault and the afore-mentioned Agents was excellently done from every standpoint.

In view of the manner in which this work was performed it is recommended that Supervisor Marchessault and the six Special Agents named above be furnished letters of commendation.

Special Agent CARL RALPH O'CONNOR (St. Louis Office)

SA O'Connor handled one of our most important confidential informants who appeared as a witness in this case. The informant in question is [redacted]. Mr. O'Connor brought [redacted] to New York and by his adroit handling of the informant kept him contented and under control at all times.

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In view of the excellent manner in which he handled this assignment I recommend that he be afforded a letter of commendation.

Special Agent BENJAMIN PAUL KOTOWICZ (Cleveland Office)

SA Kotowicz handled our confidential informant [redacted] who testified as a witness in this case. The excellent manner in which SA Kotowicz handled the informant during the period leading up to the time he testified as a Government witness should not go unrewarded and I suggest that he be afforded a letter of commendation in this regard.

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Special Agent DAVID AUGUSTUS WIBLE (Cleveland Office)

SA Wible was assigned to handled our informant [redacted] in connection with this case. This informant testified as a Government witness in the trial and it should be noted that SA Wible turned in an excellent performance in keeping him in the proper frame of mind during the period leading up to the time he testified.

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In view of the excellent fashion in which SA Wible handled this entire matter I recommend that he be given a letter of commendation.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS RAISES

Mr. LISH WHITSON
CHIEF
Espionage Section
Security Investigative Division

Mr. Whitson was assigned to the preparation of the original CP Brief at the Seat of Government. His tremendous store of background knowledge regarding the over-all Communist movement and the individuals who comprised its leadership made him the most suitable man available for this task. The form in which the Brief was prepared sprung from ideas accredited to Mr. Whitson. It is doubtful whether the Brief could have been so successfully written had it not been for unceasing efforts. During the time he was assigned to the Brief, which was a period of more than one year, Mr. Whitson voluntarily fore-went his annual vacation period. During this time he also worked long hours of over time without regard for his personal convenience.

In view of the outstanding service performed by Mr. Whitson in the preparation of the Brief it is suggested that he be afforded a meritorious raise.

Supervisor E. HUGO WINTERROWD

Mr. Winterrowd was also assigned to the preparation of the original CP Brief at the Seat of Government. His untiring efforts contributed in large part to the successful manner in which the Brief was prepared. During the period he was assigned to the preparation of the Brief Mr. Winterrowd voluntarily fore-went his annual vacation.

The excellent attitude displayed by him and the commendable manner in which he performed lead me to recommend that he be considered for a meritorious raise.

Supervisor E. J. POWERS

Mr. Powers has been assigned as Supervisor of this case at the Seat of Government since some time prior to the time the trial was instituted. He has given enthusiastic and intelligent attention to every phrase of this case and by his diligent attention to details has helped to avert situations which may have proven embarrassing to the Bureau. He has voluntarily foregone his annual vacation period and has performed his duties generally in connection with this case in an outstanding manner.

In addition during this period he has prepared a Supplement to the original CP Brief. This Supplement was forwarded to the Department in order that the USA in New York might have the most recent and up-to-date information in regard to this over-all matter.

In view of the outstanding record Mr. Powers has compiled in the handling of this case it is suggested that he be afforded a meritorious raise.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Inspector Kenneth R. McIntire

During the time the original CP Brief was prepared at the Seat of Government, Inspector McIntire reviewed the document and made many helpful suggestions as to how it might be improved. In view of the fact that he has a tremendous background and knowledge regarding Communism generally, Mr. McIntire's assistance in the preparation of the Brief was indeed valuable. He cooperated cheerfully and held himself at readiness at all times to discuss problems which arose in connection with this matter.

In view of his able assistance and the valuable suggestions contributed I recommend that Inspector McIntire be afforded a letter of commendation.

Inspector JAMES A. CARLSON

Mr. Carlson also assisted in the review of the CP Brief. He too offered many helpful suggestions. His excellent foundation and background knowledge of the law enabled him to make suggestions which resulted in a sounder document from a legal point of view. He held himself in readiness to confer with the Supervisors who were preparing the Brief at all time and his cooperation was of great assistance to the Supervisors who wrote the original Brief.

In view of the assistance furnished by Mr. Carlson in this matter it is suggested that he be afforded a letter of commendation.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following Special Agents assisted in the preparation of the original CP Brief at the Seat of Government. These men, with the exception of SA [] were brought into the Bureau on special assignment to assist in the preparation of the Brief. They were selected because of their background knowledge concerning the CP- USA. They were:

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Special Agent []
(Presently assigned to the Chicago Office)

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Special Agent []
(Presently assigned to the Detroit Office)

Special Agent ARTHUR WILLIAM PEJEAU
(Presently assigned to the Cleveland Office)

Special Agent [], who was assigned to the Seat of Government as a Supervisor, also assisted in the preparation of the Brief. He performed in an outstanding manner and worked over time without regard to his personal conveniences. He is presently assigned to the Dallas Office.

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In view of the enthusiastic and excellent manner in which these men performed their duties in connection with the preparation of the Brief, I recommend that they be forwarded letters of commendation.

Section Chief FRED J. BAUMGARDNER

Mr. Baumgardner has been associated with this case almost since its inception. He was Number One Man of the Internal Security Section during the time the Brief was being prepared, and he was Section Chief following that period and during the entire course of the trial. He has given enthusiastic attention and direction to this case and has consistently exercised good judgment in approaching the various problems arising in connection with the preparation of the Brief and presentation of this case to the Attorney General and the subsequent trial.

It is recommended that he be furnished a letter of commendation.

I would like to call to your attention the fact that recommendations for meritorious raises and letters of commendation with respect to the Special Agents in the Field who worked on this case were suggested by SAC Scheidt and ASAC Belmont, of the New York Office, and were concurred in by Assistant Director E. J. Connelley.

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Dear

Your headquarters are being changed, public business permitting, from ~~San Francisco, California~~ to ~~San Francisco, California~~ effective upon your arrival there on or after this date.

This change is made for official reasons and not primarily for your convenience or benefit, or at your request. You will be allowed your necessary expenses of transportation and a per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$9.00 in connection therewith, such expenses to include the transportation of your immediate family as provided for in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946.

You are authorized to use a privately owned automobile in connection with your transfer and you will be reimbursed at the rate of seven cents per mile not to exceed the cost of common carrier by the most direct route, plus incidental expenses in connection therewith, of all persons officially traveling in that vehicle. Should your dependents travel by privately owned automobile separate and apart from you, mileage at seven cents per mile is authorized under the same conditions as above.

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The transportation of your household goods and personal effects will be paid in accordance with regulations contained in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946, as amended.

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Mr. Ladd - This Agent is to assume the position of Inspector in Charge of the Security Division.
Miss [redacted] - This Agent is to be as [redacted] truly [redacted] Division.
Mr. H. L. Edwards
Miss [redacted]

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Mr. M. A. Jones

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John Edgar Hoover
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February 27, 1950

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MR. ALAN H. BELMONT

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The provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1924 and/or the Selective Service Act of 1940 have been complied with.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. GLAVIN

Confirming oral instructions I desire that Mr. Glavin be detached for a period of ninety days as Assistant Director in Charge of the Administrative Division effective Monday, February 27, and initiate immediately a complete inspection of the Identification Division with the view of reducing personnel, streamlining its operations, and reducing its costs of operation. Mr. Tracy should be instructed that I expect the fullest cooperation and assistance from himself and his staff.

In Mr. Glavin's absence Mr. N. P. Callahan will act in charge of the Administrative Division.

SAC Guy Hottel is to be immediately placed upon probation for conduct unbecoming a representative of this Bureau. I have talked with Mr. Hottel and severely reprimanded him and told him that I will not again give him another chance. I told him there were entirely too many rumors circulating concerning his activities and while they may not be completely true, nevertheless, many of them were and he had not used the proper discretion in his conduct.

I desire that Mr. A. M. Belmont be transferred as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division and designated as Inspector in Charge of the Security Division, effective Monday, February 27.

I desire that Mr. W. M. Whelan, the #2 man in the New York Office, be designated as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division, effective February 27.

I desire that Mr. H. B. Fletcher, who has been acting in charge of the Security Division, be transferred to New York and designated #2 man in the New York Field Division in place of Mr. Whelan.

I desire that Mr. L. L. Laughlin of the Security Division be designated as #1 man in the Security Division, effective February 27.

I desire that Mr. C. E. Hemrich, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office, be transferred from the Washington Field Office to the Security Division and designated #2 man, effective February 27.

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I desire that Mr. B. C. Brown of the Training and Inspection Division be transferred to the Washington Field Office as Assistant Special Agent in Charge, effective February 27.

I have spoken to Mr. A. Rosen and expressed to him my complete displeasure of his administration of the Investigative Division and of my intention to transfer him as Assistant Director in Charge of that Division unless he can immediately take hold of that Division and bring about a more effective administration of it. Mr. Rosen assured me he believes he can do so and for the present he remains as Assistant Director of that Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ASSIGNED TO REPLACE ASAC AH BELMONT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY
AND RELATED MATTERS INSPECTOR ~~HE~~ FLETCHER BEING TRANSFERRED TO YOUR
OFFICE TO REPLACE ASAC ~~WILHELM~~ WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR GENERAL CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS LETTERS FOLLOW

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CC-Mr. H. L. Edwards

Miss Alta Beatty

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February 24, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that you are designated Inspector in Charge of the Security Division, effective February 27, 1950, in your present grade and salary.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC - Mr. Newman - PERSONAL ATTENTION
Arrangements should be made to provide Mr. Belmont with appropriate credentials.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On February 27 I saw Special Agent A. H. Belmont, formerly Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division and who has been designated as Inspector in Charge of the Security Division.

I told Mr. Belmont that I had not been satisfied with the current administration of the Security Division and it was for this reason that he was being brought to Washington to take charge of it. I discussed with him some of the difficulties which have occurred and the imperative necessity for the injection in that division of thoroughness, ingenuity and more energy.

Mr. Belmont seems to have a full grasp of the technical subjects over which he will have supervision and I hope that he will manifest the necessary drive and direction in handling the personnel of that division so that there may be a marked improvement in it.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

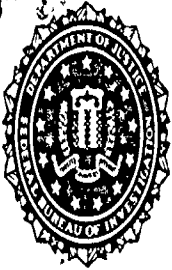
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York - New York

March 7, 1950

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Director, FBI.

RE: ALAN H. BELMONT

Dear Sir:

del Quantico
There are transmitted herewith the Field Personnel File, *Filed MPF*
Field Firearms Card, Duplicate Property Record FD-107, and the Annual Effi- *Del. Pers. 3/9*
ciency Rating on Mr. Alan H. Belmont, who was recently transferred to the
Seat of Government. It will be noted that Mr. Belmont has not yet had an
opportunity to read and initial his efficiency report.

Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

Alan H. Belmont

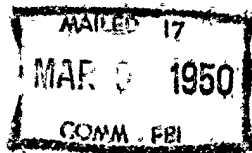
In connection with the recent transfer of Special Agent Belmont to the Seat of Government, it is requested that you forward his field personnel file to this office immediately in the event you have not already done so.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. FIRST WITNESS AT MORNING SESSION WAS SA ROBERT J. WIRTH WHO WAS QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL POMERANTZ. WITNESS STATED GUBITCHEV CASE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO HIM UNTIL APPROX. JULY FIRST, FORTYNINE, THAT DURING THE TIME IT WAS ASSIGNED TO HIM, HE REGULARLY READ SUMMARIES OF TRANSLATIONS OF CONVERSATIONS ON THE GUBITCHEV TAP AND DESTROYED THESE SUMMARIES FOLLOWING DICTATION. POMERANTZ THEN APPLIED TO THE COURT FOR THAT PORTION OF THE GUBITCHEV INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS WHICH SET OUT THE RESULTS OF WIRE TAPPING. THE JUDGE DENIED THAT APPLICATION. POMERANTZ ASKED WHETHER OR NOT IN THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS PREPARED BY THE WITNESS THE SYMBOL, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T" HAD BEEN USED. THE WITNESS ANSWERED IT WAS. POMERANTZ ASKED IF IT WAS USED TO DESIGNATE THE SOURCE OF WIRE TAP INVESTIGATION IN THAT INVESTIGATIVE REPORT AND THE WITNESS ANSWERED THAT IT WAS. POMERANTZ ASKED IF THE WITNESS KNEW WHAT NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED TO THE WIRE TAP IN THESE REPORTS. THE WITNESS STATED HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION. THEREUPON, POMERANTZ INITIATED A COLLOQUY IN REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHICH INITIATED THE COPLON INVESTIGATION, MAINTAINING

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THAT THAT INFORMANT WAS ALSO A WIRE TAP. THE JUDGE RULED THAT IT WAS IMMATERIAL IF THE CASE WAS TOUCHED OFF BY WIRE TAP INFO. POMERANTZ THEN ASKED TWO QUESTIONS WHICH WERE RULED OUT BY THE JUDGE. ONE, WERE THE MONITORS ON THE BUBLITCHEV, SEATED IN THE US COURT HOUSE BLDG. TWO, WAS THE PLUGGING IN ON THE BUBLITCHEV TELEPHONE LINE DONE BY THE NY TELEPHONE CO. THE NEXT WITNESS WAS SA LEO J. GAUTHIER, WHO TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE WIRE TAPS IN THE COPLON CASE AT THE TIME HE INTERVIEWED SURVEILLANCE AGENTS IN NY OR AT THE TIME OF COPLON'S TRIAL IN WASHINGTON. THE JUDGE RULED OUT SEVERAL QUESTIONS DIRECTED BY PALMER TO THIS WITNESS. THE NEXT WITNESS WAS ASAC ALAN H. BELLIONT, WHO WAS UNDER QUESTIONING BY DEFENSE COUNSEL PALMER. THE WITNESS WAS SHOWN BUREAU MEMORANDUM OF NOV. SEVEN, FORTYNINE FROM INSPECTOR FLETCHER TO ASST. DIR. LADD WHICH RECOMMENDED THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE COPLON TAP IN NY AND FURTHER RECOMMENDED THE DESTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER CONNECTED THEREWITH IN THE INTEREST OF SECURITY. THE WITNESS STATED HE HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN THAT MEMORANDUM, BUT HAD DISCUSSED ITS CONTENTS WITH INSPECTOR FLETCHER IN LAT OCT., FORTYNINE, AT WHICH TIME THE WITNESS HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE TAP BE DISCONTINUED AND

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA CONNECTED THERWITH DESTROYED. THE WITNESS WAS PERMITTED BY THE JUDGE TO MAKE A STATEMENT EXPLAINING THIS SITUATION.

THE STATEMENT IS, AS FOLLOWS. THE TELEPHONE TAP ON THE COPLON RESIDENCE IN NYC HAD BEEN REINSTITUTED JULY TWELVE, FORTYONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THE FBI TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF A CONVICTED ESPIONAGE AGENT, JUDITH COPLON. FURTHER, THAT THE EARLIER TAP IN NY ON THE COPLON RESIDENCE HAD DISCLOSED CONSIDERABLE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEFENDANT AND HER ATTY. FURTHER, AS A RESULT OF THE AFTER FACT, IT WAS APPARENT TO THE WITNESS THAT THE NEW TAP WOULD DISCLOSE SIMILAR INFO. THE WITNESS STATED THAT, AT THE TIME OF THE TAP WAS REINSTITUTED ON JULY TWELFTH, HE FELT THAT AGENTS WHO HAD TESTIFIED IN THE WASHINGTON TRIAL AND WOULD BE TESTIFYING IN THE LATER NY TRIAL SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH OR MADE AWARE OF THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN THE DEFENDANT AND HER ATTY, MR. PALMER AND, FOR THAT REASON, THE WITNESS DIRECTLY HANDLED THAT WIRE TAP AND ASSIGNED AN AGENT NOT PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE CASE TO LISTEN TO CONVERSATIONS FROM THAT TAP TO PREPARE PERIODIC SUMMARIES TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU. THE WITNESS CONTINUED THAT, AS THE DATE OF THE COPLON TRIAL IN NY APPROACHED

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AND AS COPLON'S APPEARANCE THEREIN SEEMED ASSURED, THE REASON FOR A TAP NO LONGER EXISTED, ACCORDINGLY, HE RECOMMENDED ITS DISCONTINUANCE AND ALSO THE DESTRUCTION OF DISKS AND NOTES THERE FROM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COPIES OF LETTERS SUMMARIZING CONVERSATIONS OVER THAT TAP PREPARED BY SA AVIGNONE. WITNESS STATED HE RECOMMENDED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DISKS AND NOTES FOR REASON OF "SECURITY," IN ORDER THAT THE TESTIFYING AGENTS WOULD NOT, PERCHANCE, BECOME AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE ATTY CLIENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PALMER AND COPLON. AS A RESULT OF THIS RECOMMENDATION AND LATER BUREAU CONCURRENCE THEREIN, THE WITNESS ARRANGED FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THAT TAP ON NOV. TEN, FORTYNINE, AND FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DISKS AND NOTES OF THAT TAP. THE WITNESS WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH CONCERNING THE GENERAL RULE WHEREBY PHONOGRAPHIC DISKS ARE DESTROYED IN THE NYO WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS PROVIDED THEIR RETENTION IS NOT REQUESTED. THE WITNESS STATED THAT ANY SPECIAL AGENT IN THIS OFFICE HAS AUTHORITY TO REMOVE PHONOGRAPHIC DISKS AND CAUSE THEIR DESTRUCTION WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM A SUPERIOR OFFICIAL OF THIS OFFICE. THE WITNESS STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF GIVING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SA AVIGNONE ON NOV. TEN, FORTYNINE,

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Director's notation, "Well, handled by Belmont".

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THE LATTER DID NOT IN ANY REMONSTRATE WITH HIM CONCERNING THE
DESTRU TION OF RECORDS OR NOTES. AT THIS POINT, THE JUDGE STATED THAT
HE WAS VERY WELL SATISFIED FROM THE TESTIMONY OF THIS AND EARLIER
WITNESS THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS ON NOV. TEN, FORTYNINE,
WAS NOT FOR A CONTUMACIOUS PURPOSE. THE WITNESS WAS THEN QUESTIONED
BY PALMER AS TO THE LETTERS TO THE BUREAU SUMMARIZING INFOR REC'D FROM
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [] AND AS TO NY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND
WFO ON FEB. TWENTYEIGHT, FORTYNINE, WHICH REFERRED TO INFO REC'D FROM
A COPLON WIRE TAP THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS COMING TO NY ON MAR. FOUR,
FORTYNINE. THE WITNESS WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER SIMILAR INFO
FROM A SI ILAR SOURCE HAD BEEN REC'D BY THE NYO PRIOR TO FEB. EIGHTEEN,
FORTYNINE. THE WITNESS ANSWERED IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT THE
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March 15, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The very capable manner in which you directed the investigation and supervision of the Judith Coplon-Valentin Gubitchev case in New York is, of course, well known to me.

Your assignment was not an easy one and you shouldered your responsibilities in a most creditable fashion. I feel that you exercised exceptionally good judgment in the over-all direction of this highly complex and difficult case and I would certainly recommend you for a Superior Accomplishment Award if it were possible to do so. Unfortunately, regulations prohibit more than one such award during any eighteen month period and since you received one on October 30, 1949, it will not be possible to recommend another at this time.

I nevertheless want you to know that your splendid work has not gone unrecognized and the leadership qualities exhibited by you must certainly have had an inspirational effect upon the personnel under your supervision.

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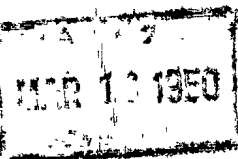
Congratulations on your splendid achievements.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Initials "JMH" and "JF"

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/14/50

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT: INSPECTION ASSIGNMENTS

Reference is made to the Executives Conference memorandum dated March 7, 1950, concerning field inspections, which is attached. There are set forth below suggested inspection assignments to be handled during the current year by the Assistant Directors, the Number One Men, and the Bureau Supervisors listed in the attached memorandum:

Assistant Directors

Letter of assignment written 3/21/50 HHC

SMEL Tracy ✓	- Cincinnati
HHC Clegg ✓	- Charlotte
WMR Glavin ✓	- Pittsburgh
LMR Nichols ✓	- Richmond
MAH Belmont ✓	- New Haven
Mr. Rosen ✓	- Norfolk
RMH Harbo ✓	- Knoxville

Other Bureau Officials

Letter of assignment written 3/21/50 HHC

Q. Tamm ✓	- Buffalo
N. P. Callahan ✓	- Albany
J. J. McGuire ✓	- Louisville
L. L. Laughlin ✓	- Atlanta
C. E. Hennrich ✓	- Birmingham
E. E. Hargett ✓	- Memphis
J. A. Carlson ✓	- Springfield
Leo P. Mohr ✓	- Milwaukee
C. A. Nease ✓	- Indianapolis

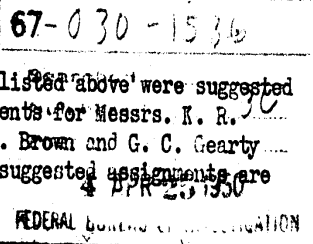
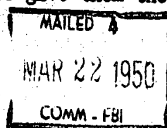
In view of the fact that some of the offices listed above were suggested in my memorandum of March 2, 1950, as tentative assignments for Messrs. K. R. McIntire, F. H. McIntire, J. A. Sizoo, H. B. Long, B. C. Brown and G. C. Gearty of the Training and Inspection Division, the following suggested assignments are being recommended for these men:

Letter of assignment written 3/21/50 HHC

J. A. Sizoo ✓	- Baltimore (recheck); Cleveland
B. C. Brown ✓	- St. Louis; Little Rock
H. B. Long ✓	- Administrative Div. (with Mr. Egan); Wash. Field
G. C. Gearty ✓	- Omaha; Kansas City
K. R. McIntire ✓	- Savannah
F. H. McIntire ✓	- Dallas

Before being assigned to conduct any inspections, the above officials who have not had previous experience on field inspections, other than Assistant Directors, will be assigned to assist Mr. Naughten or Mr. Gurnea on a regular inspection in order to give them the necessary experience.

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Attachment



With reference to Mr. Gurnea's and Mr. Naughten's assignments, the following are being recommended:

Mr. Gurnea

Present Assignments:

Security Division (recheck)
London, Paris & Madrid Liaison Offices

Second Trip:

Butte
Anchorage
Salt Lake City
Denver

Third Trip:

Seattle
Portland
San Francisco

Mr. Naughten:

Present Assignments:

Albuquerque

Second Trip:

Philadelphia (recheck)

Mobile

Miami

San Juan

Third Trip:

Boston
Detroit
Chicago
Minneapolis
Newark

Fourth Trip:

Los Angeles
Honolulu
Houston

New Orleans

Fifth Trip:

New York

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T. C. CAMPBELL
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March 13, 1950

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We acknowledge receipt of your communication of
March 8th and thank you for recommending Mr. Alan H. Bel-
mont.

~~DEFERRED~~

We do have Mr. Belmont's request on file for a
two bedroom apartment and while it is impossible to make
a definite commitment as to date of occupancy we shall be
glad to keep his request in mind and contact him just as
soon as accommodations become available for him and his
family.

Yours very truly,

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Relationship wife Date 3/13/50
Address same as mine

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Relationship wife Date 3/13/50
Address same

Very truly yours,

W. D. Young
MAR 13 1950

Clara H. Belmont
Special Agent

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

HOWARD FLETCHER NAMED
ASSISTANT IN FBI OFFICE

Howard B. Fletcher, official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was a witness in the Coplon-Gubitchev espionage trial in New York, has been named assistant agent in charge of FBI's field office here, the FBI announced yesterday.

Mr. Fletcher has been inspector in charge of the FBI security division here for the last two years. He lives at 4040 Windom place N.W. The transfer has no connection with his part in the trial, an FBI spokesman said.

Alan H. Belmont, former Assistant agent in charge in the New York office, has succeeded Mr. Fletcher in the Security post.

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Date: Mar 12 1950

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 10, 1950

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Jim Warner of the New York Herald Tribune called to advise that his paper had a story to the effect that H. B. Fletcher, in charge of the Security Division and security work of the Bureau for the entire country, had been demoted several grades and transferred to the Washington Field Office as Assistant Agent in Charge; that Fletcher was the man who took the responsibility for the destruction of records in the Coplon case and had been replaced by Mr. A. H. Belmont, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of New York, who in turn had been replaced by Bill Whelan.

I told Warner that he had a grossly exaggerated and inaccurate account of what was only an administrative shift in personnel. I told him that there were no demotions involved; that from time to time, like the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, the Bureau does shift its personnel after members had served a tour of duty on a specific job; that it is a practice of the Bureau to shift field men into the Washington headquarters from time to time to give them experience and then replace them with other field men.

I stated that I, of course, did not know the source of his information but that it certainly was far from accurate. He stated it came from a usually accurate source, which was the reason they had given some credence to it; that he did not know exactly how the paper would treat the matter but that if they did carry the speculation they would also carry the correct facts. I told him that it seemed to me to be most uncalled for to smear somebody like Fletcher when it was undeserved. He stated that anything they do would not be a smear.

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The Herald Tribune
isn't noted for its
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March 15, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The successful prosecution of Alger Hiss prompts me to express my profound gratitude to you for the highly efficient manner in which you personally handled its over-all supervision in New York.

This case had tremendous ramifications and was a real challenge to the FBI. I feel that the challenge was squarely met and the results attained brought nation-wide approbation upon the Bureau. Those who followed both trials of this man must have been greatly impressed with the tenacity, resourcefulness and thoroughness with which this case was investigated and I know a large portion of the credit for its success was due to your capable leadership.

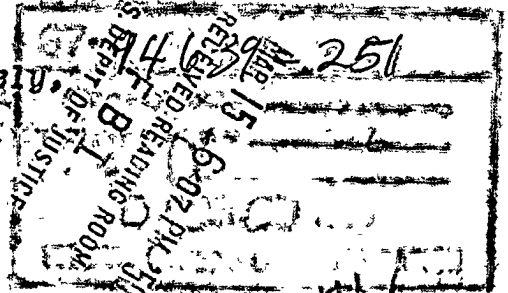
Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Ladd (P & C)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 3/9/50

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: LETTERS OF COMMENDATION AND MERITORIOUS
INCREASES IN THE JAHAM (HISS) CASE.

Alan H. Belmont

Communications have been received from the SACs of the New York, Baltimore and Washington Field Offices recommending certain Special Agents for meritorious increases in salary and/or letters for their outstanding work on the JAHAM case. Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Ladd concurred in these recommendations.

NEW YORK

SAC Scheidt recommended that Special Agents J. M. Kelly, John J. Danahy and Albert J. Tuohy be afforded consideration for a meritorious increase in salary for their very outstanding performance on this case.

SA Joseph M. Kelly was assigned to this case at its inception and was responsible for the preparation of reports and the actual handling of the investigative case up through the termination of the first trial. In the interim between the two trials he was exclusively assigned to further investigation and correlation of information. During both trials he was in constant attendance of information. During both trials he was in constant attendance in the court room and was of invaluable assistance to the prosecution because of his extensive knowledge of all phases of the investigation, including a detailed knowledge of the appearances of Hiss and Chambers before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the hearings at Baltimore arising from the civil suit by Hiss against Chambers, and the extensive research performed in connection with the case as it developed.

Agent Kelly performed a considerable amount of overtime during the investigation and trials, particularly during the first phases of the investigation when it was necessary for him to organize and direct the trend of the investigation in view of his position as the agent to whom the case was assigned. This included overtime work on week ends, for which no compensatory leave was taken. As part of his assignment he reviewed and successfully absorbed the thousands of pages of reports and testimony in connection with the case and was able to develop a clear picture of the case as a whole. As a result he was of extreme value to the prosecution throughout both trials through his highly effective suggestions which were constantly utilized by the prosecuting attorney, and through his ability to pick out discrepancies in the testimony of defense witnesses. Agent Kelly was under transfer prior to the start of the second trial, but at the personal request of prosecutor Thomas Murphy, his transfer was held up until the completion of the trial because Murphy so valued his suggestions and presence in the court room. On any number of occasions, Agent Kelly was able to offer suggestions which, in effect, proved a valuable guide to the course of the prosecution. He gave unselfishly of his time and effort without regard to personal convenience and throughout the trial was alert to see that the best interests of the Bureau were served.

Agent Kelly entered the Bureau as a Special Agent on 1-6-41, served in several field offices and was transferred to New York on 2-29-44. He was transferred to the Security Division at the Seat of Government on 1-25-50. He was reallocated to grade CAF-12, \$4600 per annum on 10-1-44 and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$7000 per annum as the result of three increases in basic salaries and three increases under the UPA, the last effective 5-1-49. On 3-31-49 and 1-24-50 SAC Scheidt rated him EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended he be afforded a meritorious increase in salary for his outstanding performance on this case from \$7000 to \$7200 per annum in grade GS-12.

SA John J. Danahy was assigned to this case from its inception until the close of the second trial, the assignment covering the period from December, 1948 until January, 1950. In addition to the excellent investigative work performed throughout this period, he was outstanding in his handling of the more than 500 exhibits during the two trials. He was in court throughout both trials and was constantly at the side of prosecutor Thomas Murphy. He had a complete and detailed knowledge of all of the exhibits and maintained personal supervision of them to the point he was able to pick out instantaneously any pertinent exhibit and furnish it to Murphy. More important, perhaps, was his ability, because of his thorough and complete knowledge of the background of each exhibit, to tie in and make highly effective use of the exhibits throughout the preparation for trial and during the trial.

Agent Danahy showed unusual ability to draw from his memory bits of information which were highly pertinent to the preparation of the case for trial. His complete knowledge of the investigation enabled him to make many valuable suggestions to the prosecution. While no detailed records of overtime are available, he practically lived with the Hiss case. Night after night during the preparation of the case for trial and during the trials, he was consulted until the early hours of the morning by prosecutor Murphy. Due to his knowledge of the case and his analytical ability, prosecutor Murphy specifically requested his presence in the court room during both trials.

A review of Agent Danahy's file reflects he entered on duty on 7-27-42 as a Special Agent, was assigned to the Detroit and Boston Offices and on 5-14-43 was transferred to New York. On 2-3-47 he was reallocated to grade CAF-12, \$5905.20 per annum and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$6800 per annum as the result of two increases in basic salaries and two increases under the UPA, the last effective 2-5-50. On 3-31-49 SAC Scheidt rated him EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of his outstanding performance on this case it is recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in salary from \$6800 to \$7000 per annum in grade GS-12.

SA Albert J. Tuohy is Supervisor of the Major Case Section of the New York Office and in that capacity was charged with the responsibility of the supervision of this case and had the responsibility for the various agents conducting the investigations. Agent Tuohy devoted his personal attention to the supervision of this case during the entire period of the investigation and during the trials. This supervision extended not only to the regular working hours but on numerous occasions

required his attention over the weekends and at night or early morning. He took a personal interest far beyond that normally afforded a particular case and gave extensively of his time and effort aside from the regular working hours to insure the success of the case.

The successful supervision of this case most definitely required above-average judgment. Supervisor Tuohy showed excellent judgment in his selection of personnel to handle the various phases of the investigation. The success of the investigation was dependent to a large extent on Tuohy's interest and ability to recognize and aggressively push the vital phases of the investigation. In many instances, failure to properly analyze the course of the investigation and the time element connected therewith would have resulted in failure to obtain the desired results. SAC Schedit said he felt that Agent Tuohy displayed not only excellent judgment in his handling of the personnel assigned to this case but showed a keen insight as far as the various phases of the investigation were concerned. He recognized and aggressively pushed those investigative and research steps which proved so valuable during the trial. He was constantly on top of the situation and insured that immediate attention was given to the various phases of the case and showed no hesitancy in taking responsibility and following through to the last detail. He was exceptional in his willingness and ability to take the responsibility connected with this case. It was a case requiring many immediate snap decisions. Uniformly Agent Tuohy accepted the responsibilities constantly facing him and his decisions were uniformly good.

As a result of Tuohy's analysis of the case as it developed, he was able to offer numerous suggestions not only to the investigation but to the prosecutive staff, which suggestions were used to an excellent effect during the trial. As a result of the personal interest displayed by him, he was also able to keep the morale of the investigating agents at a high level through the painstaking and lengthy investigation.

A review of Agent Tuohy's file reflects he entered on duty on 1/6/41 as a Special Agent and after assignment to several field offices and the Security Division at the Seat of Government, was transferred to New York on 9/16/43. He was reallocated to grade CAF-13, \$7102.20 per annum on 2/8/48 and his present salary in grade GS-13 is \$7800 per annum as the result of an increase in basic salaries and an increase under the UPA which was effective 8/21/49. On 3/31/49 SAC Schedit rated him EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of Agent Tuohy's outstanding performance on this important case it is recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in grade GS-13, from \$7800 to \$8000 per annum.

SAC Scheidt recommended that the following Special Agents and clerical employee who performed excellent work on this case be commended by letter:

Francis J. O'Brien

F. J. Gallant

T. G. Spencer

James L. Kirkland

J. P. Martin

J. F. Sullivan

Ramos Feehan

John J. O'Mara

T. J. McAndrews

Frederick Webb

James C. Cadigan

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the foregoing be commended by letter.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

SAC Hottel recommended that Special Agents [] and Kenneth T. Delavigne be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on this case.

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SA [] was utilized subsequent to the first trial of Alger Hiss in the further investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office. It was due to the efforts of Agent [] that information was received leading to the location and interview of Ernest S. Shepard, who had photographs in his possession which were of substantial value in refuting testimony given by Alger and Priscilla Hiss concerning the appearance of their home in December, 1937. The photographs obtained from Shepard not only showed the interior of this residence at 3415 Volta Place, Washington, D. C., as of December, 1937, but had been dated by Shepard and showed that during the period Hiss claimed he had a commitment from the owner to rent these premises, the owner was actually present in the vacant house at that time awaiting calls from prospective tenants. The testimony which the Government was able to produce as a result of the location in interviews with Shepard refuted the sworn testimony of Hiss as to the rental agreements he had entered into. In turn, the testimony of Shepard supported that of Chambers who testified he had borrowed \$400 from Hiss on November 19, 1937. There is no question that this testimony had a definite influence on the jury in arriving at the guilty verdict in the second trial.

SAC Hottel stated he felt that Agent [] exhibited extraordinary tenacity in the first instance in locating Shepard, whose whereabouts were unknown. Following the location of Shepard, [] demonstrated considerable perseverance and ability in eliciting this important information from him. This is particularly true since at the time of the Shepard interview, [] had no information suggesting to him that Shepard possessed this corroborative testimony. Agent [] developed these data solely as a result of his own initiative and not as the result of information or leads suggested by other offices.

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The original investigation assigned to Agent [] was to endeavor to identify and locate former owners of the Hiss residence on Volta Place and during his inquiries he developed the fact that the former owner for the 1936-7 period was deceased; he then verified the death of this individual. At this point, this phase of the investigation could well have been considered completed; however, Agent [] continued his investigation with a view to locating surviving members of the former owner's family with the view to determine whether the survivors might possess information as to the commitments made by the deceased owner with reference to the rental of this property. After long and detailed efforts, [] exhibited above average investigative ability and considerable tenacity in succeeding in locating a Mrs. Grace Talley, then living in St. Louis, and as a result of subsequent interviews with her, conducted by Agent [], he succeeded in developing information which resulted in the location of the witness Shepard.

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SAC Hottel pointed out that as a further indication of the caliber of work performed by Agent [] he noted in the photograph of the Volta Place Hiss residence there appeared a newspaper which had been lying on the floor when the photograph was

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taken. He realized the importance to the successful prosecution of this case of fixing on exact date indicating the unoccupied status of this house. The newspaper was not legibly shown in the photograph, but by virtue of microscopic examination it was possible to determine on this newspaper a small ad and by comparison with old copies of newspapers at the Library of Congress the identical issue of this newspaper dated in December, 1937, was located by Agent [redacted]. As the result of the detailed interviews with Mrs. [redacted] Duane determined she had advertised the Volta Place residence for rent in a local Washington newspaper and after considerable effort and display of initiative [redacted] succeeded in locating the issue of the Washington newspaper in which this ad had been placed advertising the Volta Place residence for rent. This information was used during the second trial and undoubtedly aided greatly in again refuting previous Hiss testimony that he had a commitment to rent these premises during November, 1937, as a result of which commitment he had withdrawn money from a local bank, allegedly to purchase furnishings for these premises.

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Agent [redacted] gave unstintingly of his time in carrying out the assignments given him and exhibited to a high degree that investigative caliber necessary to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion.

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A review of Agent [redacted] file reflects he entered on duty as a Clerk on 2-24-41, was appointed a Special Agent on 9-28-42, served in several field offices and was transferred to the Washington Field Office on 11-30-47. He was reallocated to grade CAF 12, \$5905.20 per annum on 10-19-47 and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$6600 per annum as the result of two increases in basic salaries and an increase under the UPA effective 5-1-49. He was rated EXCELLENT on 3-31-47. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent [redacted] be afforded a meritorious increase in grade GS-12, from \$6600 to \$6800 per annum, for his outstanding work on this case.

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SA [redacted] services were utilized from the inception of this investigation until its conclusion. SAC Hottel pointed out that during both trials there was considerable conflict of testimony concerning the various Hiss residences in Washington. Government witnesses at both trials testified as to the inside and outside appearances of the Hiss homes and this testimony was in direct contradiction to testimony of Government witnesses in this regard. As the result of aggressive and tenacious investigation conducted by Agent [redacted], he succeeded, on his own initiative, in locating building contractors who still possessed floor plans relating to these houses and who were able to testify that the premises were originally in the appearance as testified to by Government witnesses. The ability of the Government to produce this testimony resulted from the excellent investigation conducted by Agent Van Etten in pursuing this objective, this important testimony may well have never been discovered.

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Throughout the investigation and over a period of months, Agent [redacted] worked on numerous other phases of this case and conducted considerable successful investigation in the identification and location of former fellow employees and associates of Alger Hiss. His work resulted in the location of a number of other witnesses who were able to refute testimony offered in the Hiss defense. He exhibited

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to a high degree that investigative caliber necessary to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion and gave unstintingly of his time in carrying out the assignments which had been given him.

A review of Agent [] file reflects he entered on duty on 11/4/46 as a Special Agent, served in several field offices and was transferred to the Washington Field Office on 9/12/48. He was reallocated to grade CAF-11, \$5232 per annum on 9/5/48 and his present salary in grade GS-11 is \$5600 per annum as the result of the basic increase in salaries effective 10/30/49 and a UPA increase effective 3/5/50. On 3/31/49 he was rated as VERY GOOD. He was not rated Excellent because he had just been promoted to grade CAF 11 on 9/5/49. SAC Hottel has advised that he will receive an Excellent efficiency rating on 3/31/50, provided his work is satisfactory between now and that date. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent [] be afforded a meritorious increase in salary from \$5600 to \$5800 per annum for his outstanding work on this case.

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SA Kenneth T. Delavigne took over the supervision of the Internal Security Squad of the Washington Field Office during October, 1948, and during November, 1948, the active investigation of the Alger Hiss case began. The supervision of this case was conducted by Agent Delavigne until he was removed from the desk during late June, 1949. At the height of the investigation, and particularly during the efforts to locate the Woodstock Typewriter, there was assigned to this case a total of approximately 50 agents. Most of the material matters involved in the two Hiss trials were portions of investigation supervised by Agent Delavigne during the above-mentioned period. SAC Hottel stated he realized that administrative action was taken against Agent Delavigne on June 27, 1949, wherein he was demoted from the position of Supervisor to that of regular Agent, but he, Hottel, was inclined to believe that he handled the supervision of this case in an excellent manner and, for this reason it was recommended that he be given a meritorious raise.

A review of Agent Delavigne's file reflects he was censured by letter dated 6/15/49, relieved of his supervisory duties and ordered transferred due to the laxity and supervisory failure in not detecting an error in the report submitted by SA John P. Buscher, which report contained information to the effect the wife of Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards had furnished to one Morton Kent the address of a suspected Soviet espionage agent. The report contained an obvious ambiguity as to the source of certain information. Agent Delavigne failed to note this obvious deficiency and have it corrected before he approved the report for transmittal to the Bureau and later neglected to personally see to it that the doubtful material was immediately and definitely clarified. His transfer from the Washington Field Office was later cancelled. He was censured by letter dated 6/27/49 for his failure to note the inadequacy of a report submitted in an Atomic Energy Act-Applicant investigation, which report he approved, and as the result of this omission highly important information was missed although subsequent investigation developed this information.

RECOMMENDATION: It is not felt that Agent Delavigne should be afforded a meritorious increase in salary. However, it is recommended that he be commended by letter for the excellent work he performed in connection with the Alger Hiss case.

SAC Hottel recommended that SAs Donald D. Connors, John J. Walsh and [] be commended by letter for their fine work.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agents Connors, Walsh and [] be commended by letter.

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BALTIMORE

SAC McFarlin recommended that a letter of commendation be directed to Special Agent [] now assigned to the Pittsburgh Office, for his outstanding work on this case.

SAC McFarlin advised that from the initiation of the investigation in the JAHAM case by the Baltimore Office, it was apparent that the location of the two former maids of Whittaker Chambers, Edith and Evelyn, was of paramount importance as it was felt their testimony would strongly corroborate the testimony of Chambers as to his allegations with respect to Alger and Priscilla Hiss. The Baltimore Office had conducted considerable investigation to locate these maids, all of which proved negative. After the first trial of Hiss, the Baltimore Office intensified their efforts to locate both maids and Agent [] was given the complete and full responsibility of handling and correlating all leads in this case with respect to the phase involving the location of the two maids. This phase of the investigation grew into a considerable project and as many as 30 agents were occupied in the handling of the various leads developed with respect to the location of the two maids.

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Agent [] on his own initiative and over a weekend was out checking a number of leads with respect to the maid, Edith, and decided that perhaps a reinterview with one George Banks, an acquaintance of Edith, might be productive. As a result of this reinterview, the identity of Edith was determined inasmuch as Banks, after first contact with him, had met Edith on the street, obtained her full name and address but failed to report this additional information to the Baltimore Office. SAC McFarlin stated that Agent Marszalek in his handling of the entire matter showed an above average amount of enthusiasm and thoroughness.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent [] be commended by letter for his excellent work on this case.

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Mr. Fletcher recommended that consideration be given to affording Supervisors [] and [] Security Division, meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding performance throughout this case. Mr. Ladd concurred.

Mr. Fletcher advised that investigation in this case from its inception, November 24, 1948, through the end of the first trial was supervised by Agent [] who was responsible for the over-all handling of the case. The investigation with regard to the typewriter and typewritten specimens with its numerous ramifications was handled by Agent [] and in the absence of Agent [] Agent [] followed the entire case.

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This case was initiated with Whittaker Chambers' allegations introduced in a civil suit in Baltimore and the leads growing out of these allegations and out of the several interviews with Chambers required close supervision at the Seat of Government

to see that every possible angle would be handled by the field offices as expeditiously as possible. Many file reviews were necessary, resulting in additional leads. Further, it was necessary to keep the Department advised of developments on a current basis and to see that Departmental suggestions and instructions were carried out promptly and thoroughly. In connection with the many interviewed regardless of their positions in life or their present or past Communist affiliations. Bureau authority was necessary to interview some of the more prominent persons which included high government officials, Federal Judges, persons high in the business world, etc., and these requests for interviews as well as those involving present or past Communist affiliations had to be appraised individually according to their merits. This, of course, called for an exercise of good judgment on the part of the Supervisors.

With regard to the magnitude of this investigation, it is pointed out that 45 field offices utilizing approximately 265 agents were working on this case at one time during the first trial. This resulted in a tremendous volume of mail, including teletypes and reports which had to be reviewed closely and thoroughly to insure that the investigation was kept within bounds and also to see that reports were submitted to the Department.

Following the first trial, the investigation continued in order to develop new evidence for the second trial. SA [] was made Relief Supervisor in the Espionage Section after the first trial and this case thereafter was supervised solely by SA []. The case continued to receive close and thorough attention which led to the development of new evidence, resulting eventually in the conviction of Hiss. b6 b7C

Mr. Fletcher further advised that SAs [] and [] put in many hours of overtime including nights, week-ends and holidays, for which no compensatory leave was taken. They both displayed keen insight into the various ramifications of the case, exercised good judgment and otherwise contributed materially towards the successful outcome of this important case. b6 b7C

A review of Agent [] file reflects he entered on duty with the Bureau on 2-1-32 as a Clerk, was appointed a Special Agent on 7-25-38, has served in several field offices and was transferred to the Security Division on 3-4-46. He was reallocated to grade CAF-13, \$7432.20 per annum on 7-25-48 and his present salary in grade GS-13 is \$7800 per annum as the result of a basic increase in salary and an increase under the UPA effective 1-22-50. On 3-31-49 he was rated EXCELLENT. b6 b7C

Agent [] file also reflects that by letter dated 3-25-49 he was censured for his failure to properly discharge a portion of his assigned duties in connection with the Agnes Smedley case. Although this case was not assigned him, it had been noted that when he reported to the Security Division in March, 1946, he was instructed to review certain reports and determine the adequacy of the investigation reflected therein and what, if any, additional measures were required. He apparently failed to recognize the insufficiency of the investigation reflected in a report which he initialled for the files and did not take the necessary measure to eliminate the investigative omissions reflected in the report. b6 b7C

It was noted that by letter dated 7-8-49 Agent [] attention was called to the fact that during the inspection of the Security Division it was noted that in connection with certain cases assigned to him for supervision considerable pertinent information contained in the file pertaining to the investigation of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and others, had not been segregated and placed in individual case files

to which it related. Quite evidently difficulty must have been experienced in attempting the subject was contained in voluminous cross references and not readily available. Seven of the cases under his supervision were found to be in a delinquent status in that no reports had been submitted by the field for several months. He was advised that it was expected that he would take the necessary steps to remedy these delinquencies at the earliest possible opportunity.

It might also be noted that Agent [] initialed a memorandum from Mr. Ladd to the Director dated 2-20-50 for Mr. Whitson in the case entitled LESTER MARX HUETTIG, INTERNAL SECURITY-R, on which memorandum the Director indicated it was not complete and remarked that the supervisor writing this memorandum should be censured for its incompleteness as well as all officials who initialed it. A memorandum of explanation submitted by Mr. Ladd dated 2-24-50 explains the reason for the brevity of the original memorandum. The explanation seems adequate and although a final determination has not been reached, it is possible that disciplinary action will not be taken.

RECOMMENDATION: It is not felt that the letter of caution received by Agent [] on 7-8-49 or his letter of censure dated 3-25-49 in connection with the Agnes Smedley case pertaining to his failure in 1946 to recognize the insufficiency of an investigation reflected in a report should preclude his consideration for a meritorious increase in this case since those matters were in no way related to the JAHAM case.

In the event he is not subject to criticism in the aforementioned HUETTIG case, it is recommended that a meritorious increase be afforded him for the highly competent manner in which he supervised the early stages of this case. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

A review of Agent [] file reflects he entered on duty on 12-2-40 as a Special Agent, was assigned to several field offices and was transferred to the Security Division on 12-8-48. On 3-31-49 and 7-29-49 he was rated EXCELLENT. He was reallocated to grade CAF-12, \$5180 per annum on 7-1-46 and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$6800 per annum as the result of two increases in basic salaries and two increases under the UPA, the last effective 7-24-49. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agent [] be afforded a meritorious increase in salary from \$6800 to \$7000 per annum in grade GS-12 for his outstanding performance in connection with this case.

Mr. Ladd has recommended that Lish Whitson, Supervisor in Charge of the Espionage Section, Mr. Fletcher, then Acting Assistant Director in charge of the Security Division, and SA Daniel F. X. Callahan, presently assigned to the Security Division but who worked on this case in the Baltimore Office, be commended by letter for their excellent work on this case.

Supervisor Whitson has recommended that Alan H. Belmont, Assistant ASAC in New York at the time of this case, be commended by letter for the excellent manner in which he handled his duties. Mr. Fletcher concurred.

It is also recommended that the Special Agents in Charge of the New York, Washington Field and Baltimore Offices be commended by letter for the excellent work performed by their respective offices.

You are also advised that letters expressing congratulations and appreciation to the many Special Agents of the Bureau who worked so long and hard on this case have been received from the prosecutor, Thomas F. Murphy, Assistant United States Attorney, and from Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. These communications have previously been acknowledged.

Although a number of the foregoing agents and supervisory personnel were singled out for special recognition for their testimony, investigative and administrative efforts at the termination of the first trial, it is nevertheless felt that they should again be commended for their continuing exemplary performances.

It is also felt that Mr. Ladd is also deserving of commendation in this case for the very able manner in which he handled its over-all supervision.

The files of all of the employees mentioned in this memorandum have been reviewed and contain no information that would make the commendation of these employees objectionable.

ATTACHMENTS

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 3-10-50

FROM: H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: LETTERS OF COMMENDATION AND MERITORIOUS
INCREASES IN THE JAHAM (HISS) CASE.

ALAN H. Belmont

Attached is a detailed memorandum recommending that numerous Agents and supervisory personnel be cited for meritorious increases in salary and/or letters of commendation for their outstanding work on the JAHAM case. These recommendations have been concurred in by Mr. Fletcher, former head of the Security Division, and Mr. Ladd.

AWARDS FOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following men performed their assignments in such outstanding fashion that it is strongly felt they are deserving of meritorious increases. Detailed accounts of the work performed by them are set out in the attached memorandum.

"O. K." T.

SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, now assigned to the Seat of Government, was assigned to the case from its inception, was responsible for the preparation of reports and was in constant attendance in the court room. His work was outstanding.

SA JOHN J. DANAHEY, of New York, was assigned to this case from its inception, handled all exhibits, was in court throughout both trials and constantly at the side of the prosecuting attorney. He possessed a keen insight into all of the ramifications of the case.

SA ALBERT J. TOUHY was the Agent Supervisor in New York responsible for the supervision of this case and all personnel assigned to it.

SA [] Washington Field Office. This Agent performed outstanding investigative work in Washington and particularly in locating Ernest S. Shepard who had photographs in his possession which were of substantial value in refuting defense testimony. He was also responsible for uncovering other parcels of invaluable information in Washington.

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SA [] Washington Field Office, through his tenacity and outstanding investigative efforts was also able to uncover evidence of great evidentiary importance.

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SA SUPERVISOR [] Assigned to the Seat of Government, handled the supervision of this case up to and through the first trial. He has been recommended for a meritorious increase for the highly competent manner in which he handled his assignment. A meritorious increase in his case is contingent upon final approval of a recommendation being made that he not be censured in connection with a memorandum approved by him in the case entitled Lester Marx Huttig, Internal Security - R.
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Memorandum for Mr. Glavin

SA SUPERVISOR [] assigned to the Seat of Government, took over the supervision of this case following the first trial and handled it in outstanding fashion from then to its successful culmination. b6 b7C

Agent Delavigne was recommended for a meritorious increase by SAC Hottel. However, he is not being recommended for such an award because of his censure and removal from supervisory duties for failing to correct an obvious ambiguity appearing in a report submitted to the Bureau regarding Dr. Edward U. Condon. He nevertheless is being recommended for a letter of commendation. "O. K." T.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE FOREGOING AGENTS ARE ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

All of the following employees have been recommended for letters of commendation and in each instance the recommendation seems justified:

"O. K." T.

Assistant to the Director Ladd, Mr. Howard B. Fletcher, former head of the Security Division, Mr. Alan H. Belmont, former ASAC at New York and presently head of the Security Division, and Mr. Lish Whitson, former Supervisor in Charge of the Espionage Section.

SA Supervisors Ramos Feehan, Frederick Webb and James C. Cadigan, assigned to the Laboratory and Daniel F. X. Callahan, presently assigned to the Seat of Government and formerly assigned to the Baltimore office.

Also the following Agents, all of whom are assigned to the New York office unless otherwise designated:

Agents Kenneth T. Delavigne (WFO), [] (Boston), Roy J. Barloga, F. J. Gallant, R. F. X. O'Keefe, [] T. G. Spencer, James L. Kirkland (Phila), R. C. Blount, J. P. Martin, [] J. F. Sullivan, [] (Phila), [] T. J. McAndrews, J. R. [] (St. Louis), C. [] James J. Walsh (WFO), [] (Pgh), Donald D. Connors (WFO). b6 b7C

In addition, the Special Agents in Charge of the New York, Washington, and Baltimore offices are being recommended for letters of commendation. b6 b7C

It has also been recommended that [] chauffeur of the New York Office, should be commended for the excellent manner in which he took care of Mrs. Edith Murray, the maid located by the Baltimore office who proved to be such an important witness.

RECOMMENDATION

It is strongly recommended that all of the meritorious increases and letters of commendation mentioned in this memorandum be approved so that the employees who contributed so much to the successful termination of this case may be justly rewarded for their outstanding efforts.

Memorandum for Mr. Glavin

Although a number of these employees were singled out for special recognition of their work in the first trial it is nevertheless felt that further recognition of their performances at this time is in order.

"I approve all of recommendations by Tolson. H."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: 3-15-50

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*

SUBJECT: Letters of Commendation and Meritorious Increases in Salary in the JUDITH COPLON, et al, ESPIONAGE-R case.

Tolson _____
 Ladd _____
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 Glavin ☒ _____
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 Harbo _____
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Attached hereto are the letters of commendation and necessary communications pertaining to meritorious increases in salary in connection with the captioned case. All of these have been previously approved by the Director.

It might be noted that Mr. Alan H. Belmont was recommended for a Superior Accomplishment Award for his work in connection with the supervision of this case in New York. Mr. Belmont is ineligible to receive an award at this time in view of the award afforded him on October 30, 1949. Existing regulations covering such awards are to the effect that only one additional step-increase may be afforded an employee during each waiting period.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended Mr. Belmont be sent a letter of commendation which includes a statement to the effect that the Director desired to recommend him for an award but that only one such award can be granted during a waiting period and because of his previous award he is ineligible. Such a letter is attached.

HL Edwards

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1950

I would like to recommend that Messrs. H. B. Fletcher and A. H. Belmont and Supervisor R. J. Lamphere be considered for letters of commendation for their work in connection with the Coplon case. Mr. Belmont, as Supervisor in Charge of the New York Office, did a particularly outstanding job in supervising and directing the activities of the Agents of the New York Office and also testified very effectively in the case.

Mr. Fletcher, in Charge of the Security Division at the time, did an effective job in coordinating the activities in connection with this case and made a very effective witness.

Mr. Lamphere is the Supervisor who handled the supervision of the case at the Seat of Government and through his diligent, intelligent efforts, he greatly assisted in bringing the case to a successful conclusion.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: March 9, 1950

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

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SAC Scheidt of the New York Office telephonically furnished the names of the following employees who he felt were deserving of letters of commendation in connection with the above-captioned case.

ALAN H. BELMONT ✓

Mr. Belmont was ASAC at New York and handled the over-all direction of this case. He was in touch at all times, exercised outstanding judgment, made numerous decisions and testified at the pre-trial hearing most effectively.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE ✓

Mr. Granville was the active supervisor of this case, participated in the apprehension of Coplon, testified in excellent fashion and directed the investigative activities of the Agents in New York in a most commendable fashion.

[] - SA, New York

The case was assigned to [] from its inception. He testified both in New York and Washington, was responsible for the preparation of the reports and participated in numerous surveillances. He was recommended most highly for his over-all work on this case.

[] - SA, Phoenix

SA [] was monitor of the microphone in Coplon's office in Washington. He testified in the pre-trial hearing as well as the trial and was subjected to considerable cross-examination, particularly during his trial testimony. He made an excellent impression and handled himself well.

KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE - SA, WFO

SA Delavigne supervised the case in Washington prior to and during the first trial. He testified extensively in the pre-trial hearing and handled himself most creditably.

[] - SA, WFO

SA [] was a technical surveillance monitor and did an outstanding job in correlating the material obtained from the technical surveillance in Washington and also handled himself admirably on the stand at the pre-trial hearing.

ROBERT E. LEONARD - SA, WFO

SA Leonard was a monitor who testified at the pre-trial hearing and handled the playback of records in the Judge's chambers. He handled himself very well.

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Memo for Mr. Glavin

✓ THOMAS J. McANDREWS - SA, New York

SA McAndrews testified at the pre-trial hearing and the second trial. He made an excellent impression. He was required to testify to very delicate matters and handled himself well.

✓ [redacted] - SA, WFO

The case was assigned to him in Washington and he testified in excellent fashion. His over-all work was outstanding.

✓ [redacted] - SA, WFO

SA [redacted] conducted very good investigation in Washington and testified at the pre-trial hearing in a most creditable fashion.

✓ [redacted] - SA, New York

SA [redacted] was active on surveillance, was on the witness stand a number of times and was subjected to considerable cross-examination. He handled himself well and made a most favorable impression. He performed excellent investigative work in New York.

✓ [redacted] - SA, Omaha

SA [redacted] testified at the pre-trial hearing and at the trial in New York, and made a very good impression.

✓ [redacted] - SA, New York

SA [redacted] performed very good investigative work and testified at the pre-trial hearing and regular trial in an impressive fashion.

✓ J. R. MURPHY - SA, New York

SA Murphy performed outstanding surveillance work and testified on crucial matters. He was well-received and stood up well during the cross-examination, both in the pre-trial hearing and regular trial.

✓ ✓ [redacted] - SA, New York

SA [redacted] performed investigative and surveillance work in a very good fashion and testified at the trial in a capable manner.

✓ [redacted] - Stenographer, New York

Miss [redacted] testified at the regular trial and was subjected to considerable cross-examination and stood up well.

✓ [redacted] - Chief Clerk, New York

Miss [redacted] testified at both the pre-trial hearing and the regular trial. She made an excellent impression and stood up well.

✓ ✓ [redacted] - SA, NYC

SA [redacted] performed excellent surveillance work, testified extensively during the trial and was most forthright as a witness.

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Memo for Mr. Glavin

J. F. ~~MALLEY~~ - SA, San Juan (W)

SA ~~MALLEY~~ performed excellent surveillance work and testified in fine fashion on two occasions during the regular trial.

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[redacted] SA, [redacted]

SA [redacted] testified at the pre-trial hearing and the regular trial and made a very favorable impression.

[redacted] - SA, WFO

SA [redacted] testified at the regular trial and was subjected to considerable cross-examination. He stood up well and made a good impression.

J. J. ~~WARD~~ - SA Supervisor, SOG (H)

Supervisor Ward was active in surveillance work in New York and testified very favorably at the regular trial.

[redacted] - Laboratory Technician

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Mr. [redacted] testified as an expert witness during the regular trial, qualifications conceded. He was on the stand fifteen minutes. He made an excellent impression. He was not cross-examined.

[redacted] - Translator, New York

Miss [redacted] testified for two hours and was under lengthy cross-examination. She handled herself well.

[redacted] - Chauffeur, New York

Mr. [redacted] testified twice at the pre-trial hearing regarding destruction of records. He did a very good job.

RICHARD E. ~~BRENNAN~~ - SA, New York

SA Brennan was criticized for his testimony at the first trial but did an excellent job on the witness stand during the second trial and pre-trial hearing. He performed outstanding surveillance and investigative work.

ROBERT J. ~~WORTH~~ - SA, New York

SA Worth was criticized for his testimony at the first trial. He performed outstanding investigative work and made an excellent impression at the pre-trial hearing and regular trial in New York.

[redacted] - SA, New York

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SA [redacted] was criticized for his testimony at the first trial. He was subjected to considerable cross-examination at the pre-trial hearing and regular trial in New York and handled himself in an admirable fashion.

The SAC at New York further advised that there were 40 monitors assigned to technical surveillances who testified at the pre-trial hearing; however, none of them performed any investigative work in connection with the case and their testimony was pretty cut and dry.

Memo for Mr. Glavin

SAC Hottel has concurred in the recommendation of letters of commendation for the afore-mentioned Agents assigned to the WFO and has submitted a separate communication in which he recommends that Agents [] and [] be considered for meritorious raises.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 3/10/50

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: LETTERS OF COMMENDATION AND MERITORIOUS INCREASES IN
SALARY IN THE JUDITH COPLON, et al, ESPIONAGE-R CASE.

A.H. Belmont
Recommendations for letters of commendation and/or meritorious increases in salary in the captioned case have been received from the SACs of the New York and Washington Field Office and from the Security Division. Mr. Belmont concurs with the recommendations from the Field Offices.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

SA Supervisor Robert J. Lamphere has been recommended for a meritorious increase in salary by Mr. Belmont who advises that Agent Lamphere, as supervisor of this case at the Seat of Government, did an exceptionally fine job. He supervised the case from its inception and throughout the entire investigation and trials, both in Washington and New York. He appeared as a witness at both trials and was very effective in this respect, handling himself in a highly effective manner under cross-examination by Palmer and Pmerantz at the pre-trial hearings and the trial itself. His testimony was of a vital nature and because of his knowledge of the original source and other confidential matters within the Bureau, it was necessary that he handle himself in a highly alert, intelligent manner. Lamphere did a thorough supervisory job in this highly important case; gave it close supervision and enthusiastic attention. He put in long hours far beyond the normal working day without any request or desire for compensatory time.

A review of Agent Lamphere's file reflects that by letter dated 7/8/49 his attention was called to the manner in which he supervised the case of Leora Peabody Tsatsoulas, was, Espionage-R, as a review of the case disclosed there were unwarranted delays before the submission of the investigative reports to the Bureau and one of the reports so submitted was incomplete in that it did not reflect full information in the possession of the field office concerning the associates of the subject. In addition, certain available investigative leads apparently had been overlooked by him and the field offices handling the investigation. The handling of this case came to the Bureau's attention during the recent inspection of the Security Division.

On 2/24/50 a letter was directed to Agent Lamphere in consideration of the part played by him in connection with the preparation of a memorandum relating to Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs, a subject of an espionage investigation, which memorandum failed to set forth clearly certain information. He was considered to have been at fault in not having sensed the importance of the memorandum and the necessity for setting out full and complete information in it.

His file also reflects he entered on duty with the Bureau on 9/22/41 as a Special Agent, was assigned to the Birmingham and New York Field Offices and on 9/1/47 was transferred to the Security Division. He was reallocated to grade CAF-12, \$5180 per annum on 7/1/46 and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$6800 per annum as the result of the three increases in basic salaries and two increases under the UPA, the last effective 10/16/49. On 3/31/49 he was rated EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION: Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is strongly felt that Agent Supervisor Lamphere's handling of this case was so superior in quality that it is recommended that he be afforded a meritorious increase in salary.

"I agree." J.P.M

"O.K." T.

Mr. Ladd has recommended that Mr. Fletcher and Mr. A. H. Belmont be commended for their work in connection with this case. Mr. Belmont, as Supervisor in Charge in the New York Office, did a particularly outstanding job in supervising and directing the activities of the Agents of the New York Office and also testified effectively. Mr. Fletcher, in charge of the Security Division at the time, did an effective job of coordination the activities in connection with this case and made a very effective witness.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that letters of commendation be directed to Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Belmont for their work on this case.

"I also recommend Belmont for meritorious increase." J.P.M. "I agree." T.

It is also recommended that a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. Ladd for his over-all supervision.

"I agree." J.P.M. "O.K." T.

WASHINGTON FIELD

SAC Hottel recommended that Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on this case.

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SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] handled this case in the Washington Field Office upon its inception during January, 1949, until the completion of the investigation. Despite the difficulties in the successful operation of an investigation of this type involving an employee of the Department of Justice, these agents exercised initiative and judgment far beyond average. They applied themselves wholeheartedly to the case and SAC Hottel advised that he felt that the two successful prosecutions in Washington and in New York resulted largely from the splendid manner in which these agents applied themselves.

These agents were active to a great extent in the physical surveillances in Washington, and, specifically, during the most critical surveillances of Judith Coplon involving her trips from Washington to New York. These important and sometimes lengthy physical surveillances were conducted in the Washington area without the subject becoming aware of this fact. They exhibited excellent judgment and initiative prior to the arrest of Coplon and

Gubitchev in New York in selecting the individuals to be approached for basic information on the appropriate subsequent development of this case. A considerable problem was encountered in this regard in view of the employment of Coplon in the Department of Justice. Despite these difficulties, the necessary individuals and contacts were located, their trustworthiness determined, and in all instances the necessary information was developed without damage to the security of this most important investigation.

SAC Hottel advised he had been particularly impressed with the splendid judgment, knowledge of Bureau procedures, and interest demonstrated by these agents in the obtaining of material, the use of which was necessary during the pre-trial hearings and the subsequent trial. Both these agents, while testifying, were subjected to grueling cross-examination by defense attorneys and despite this and the evident purpose of these attorneys to cause embarrassment to the Bureau, in their responses from the witness stand most capably represented the Bureau.

A review of Agent [] file reflects he entered on duty with the Bureau as a Special Agent on 8/25/41, has served in several field offices and was transferred to the Washington Field Office on 2/24/48. He was reallocated to grade CAF-12, \$5905.20 per annum on 7/14/46 and his present salary in grade GS-12 to \$6800 per annum as the result of two increases in basic salaries and two increases under the UPA, the last effective 8/7/49. On 3/31/49 he was rated EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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A review of Agent [] file reflects he entered on duty with the Bureau as a Special Agent on 19/9/40, has served in several field offices and was transferred to the Washington Field Office on 3/25/46. He was reallocated to grade CAF 12, \$4600 per annum on 1/16/45 and his present salary in grade GS-12 is \$7000 per annum as the result of the four increases in basic salaries and three increases under the UPA, the last effective 8/21/49. On 3/31/49 he was rated EXCELLENT. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Agents [] and [] be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on this case; Agent [] from \$6800 to \$7000 per annum and Agent [] from \$7000 to \$7200 per annum.
"I agree." J.P.M. "I concur." T.

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SAC Hottel recommended that the following Special Agents be commended by letter; SAC Scheidt also recommends them:

Kenneth T. Delavigne

[] (now assigned Phoenix)

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Robert E. Leonard

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that these agents be commended by letter.

"I agree." J.P.M. "O.K." T.

NEW YORK

SAC Scheidt has recommended that a number of employees of his office be commended by letter, advising that they actively participated in the investigation, surveillance and/or testified at the pre-trial hearing and trial in New York. None of those set out immediately below have been previously criticized for their work on this case.

Robert R. Granville (Supv.) [redacted] (now assigned Omaha)
Thomas J. McAndrews [redacted]
[redacted] J. R. Murphy
M. F. Carey [redacted]
[redacted] (Ster.) [redacted] (Chief Clerk)
[redacted] J. F. Malley (now assigned San Juan)
[redacted] (Transla.) J. J. Ward (now assigned Security Div.)
[redacted] - Laboratory [redacted] (Chauffeur)

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SAC Scheidt unequivocally felt that the work of the foregoing agents and clerks warranted letters of commendation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the foregoing employees be commended by letter.

"I agree." J.P.M. "O.K." T.

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With regard to SA [redacted] to whom the case was assigned in New York from its inception, the SAC has commended him in most favorable terms, stating that he was responsible for preparation of the reports, participated in numerous surveillances and sat at the prosecutor's table and lent invaluable assistance during the course of the trial.

This agent's testimony has been carefully reviewed and analyzed by Mr. Clegg and some question has been raised as to whether his testimony was improper. Instructions were issued on this date to have [redacted] questioned by Mr. Scheidt and further action regarding him will be considered after his reply has been received.

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SAs Richard E. Brennan, Robert J. Wirth and [redacted] were previously criticised for the manner in which they testified during the Goplon trial in Washington. An analysis of the allegations concerning their testimony has been made and is presently being reviewed to determine what action should be taken.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of this it is recommended that consideration of any commendatory action for these agents be held in abeyance until a final decision has been reached regarding their previous testimony.

"I agree." J.P.M. "O.K." T.

All of the three foregoing agents have been specifically mentioned by SAC Scheidt for their excellent investigative and surveillance work as well as their testimony at the most recent trial and pre-trial hearing.

It is also recommended that letters of commendation go forward to SACs Scheidt and Hottel for the outstanding work performed by their respective offices on this case.

"I agree." J.P.M "O.K." T.

Files of all the employees mentioned in this memorandum have been reviewed and contain no information that would make the commendation of these employees objectionable.

"I concur in all of Tolson's recommendations." H.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 10, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

DEC 15 1950 SDP/KSR

ON 9-23-91

This is a confirmation of the telephone call to the Bureau of March 9th recommending letters of commendation for the following personnel in view of their investigation and testimony in the case involving JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV:

[redacted] - Assigned Phoenix

Washington Field monitor of microphone in COPLON'S office; testified extensively in pre-trial hearing and actual trial in New York. Made excellent impression.

Alan H. Belmont - Assigned Bureau

ASAC, New York Office, of division handling instant case. Testified extensively in pre-trial hearing involving critical points. Subjected to detailed cross examination. Made excellent impression. Participated in investigation and direction of case prior to and during trial.

Richard E. Brennan - Assigned New York

Testified extensively at pre-trial hearing and during trial. Subjected to detailed cross examination. Made very creditable impression. His surveillance work was outstanding and conducted considerable investigation in this case. Testified to several critical and important points in this case.

[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified at trial, made very favorable impression. His surveillance work in connection with this case considered outstanding.

[redacted] - Assigned New York - Stenographer

Testified at trial. Subjected to considerable cross examination. Stood up well and made a most favorable impression. Participated in surveillance.

Kenneth T. Delavigne - Assigned Washington Field

Supervisor, WFO, during investigation this case. Testified pre-trial to some very critical points. Made excellent impresssion and was subjected to lengthy cross examination.

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[redacted] - Assigned Washington Field

Monitor of WFO taps in this case. Correlated material for submission to court. Testified at pre-trial hearing. Made creditable impression.

Howard B. Fletcher - Assigned Washington Field.

Testified several times at pre-trial hearing and during trial to critical phases of this case. Made an excellent impression and was subjected to very lengthy and vicious cross examination.

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[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified several times during both the pre-trial and the trial. Subjected to very lengthy cross examination concerning critical phases of this case. Made an excellent impression, participated in crucial surveillances.

Robert R. Granville - Assigned New York

Supervisor, New York Office, of section handling this case during the investigation and both trials. Testified several times during pre-trial and trial concerning crucial points of the case and made excellent impression. Participated in surveillance and apprehended COPLON and GUBITCHEV.

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[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified on two separate occasions during trial. Subjected to detailed cross examination. Handled himself exceedingly well and made most creditable impression. Participated in all surveillances on crucial days during investigation.

[redacted] - Assigned Washington Field

Testified during trial. Subjected to cross examination. Made very favorable impression. Conducted investigation of this matter in Washington.

Robert J. Lamphere - Assigned Bureau

Testified at pre-trial hearing and trial to crucial points in this case. Handled himself well and made excellent impression on stand.

Robert E. Leonard - Assigned Washington Field

WFO monitor. Testified during pre-trial hearing, supervised and played back discs for Counsel and Judge Ryan. Handled himself well and made favorable impression.

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[redacted] - Assigned New York - Chief Clerk

Testified pre-trial and trial. Made most favorable impression, handled herself well on the witness stand. Participated in an important surveillance during investigation this case.

John F. Malley - Assigned San Juan

Testified at trial, subjected to lengthy cross examination. Made excellent impression. Participated in all important surveillances and handled these assignments in outstanding manner.

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Thomas J. McAndrews - Assigned New York

Testified pre-trial hearing and trial to crucial points of this case. Subjected to lengthy cross examination. Made excellent impression. Participated in one important surveillance and in the interview of GUBITCHEV.

[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified pre-trial and trial. Made very creditable impression on witness stand. Participated in physical surveillances and did an excellent job.

[redacted] - Assigned Washington Field

This case assigned to SA Mendenhall in Washington. Participated in extensive investigation and surveillances of subject COPLON. Testified during pre-trial and subjected to lengthy cross examination. Made very favorable impression.

[redacted] - Assigned New York

Case assigned to SA Miller, New York. Performed outstanding job in investigation, correlation of entire matter. Testified at pre-trial hearing and during trial to many crucial phases of this case. His demeanor, appearance and testimony were excellent. Participated in all surveillances on crucial dates.

[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified at pre-trial hearing and trial. Made very favorable impression. This agent testified to and participated in one of the most crucial phases of the physical surveillance on March 4, 1949.

[redacted] - Assigned Washington Field

Testified during trial to serving search warrant and seizure of COPLON'S typewriter. Was a creditable witness; not subject to cross examination.

[redacted] - Washington Field

Testified at pre-trial hearing. Subjected to extensive cross examination. Made a most favorable impression. Participated in physical surveillances of COPLON and investigation of this case in Washington.

[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified pre-trial and trial. Subjected to very lengthy cross examination concerning crucial phases of this case. Made a most favorable impression. Participated in all important surveillances. His work during these surveillances outstanding.

[redacted] - Assigned New York - Translator

Testified during pre-trial hearing to destruction of records. Was excellent witness and was subjected to detailed cross examination.

[redacted] - Assigned Bureau

Testified during trial. Made creditable impression. Participated in surveillance of March 4, 1949. His surveillance work outstanding.

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[redacted] - New York - Chauffeur

Testified at pre-trial hearing to destruction of discs. Subjected to considerable cross examination. Handled himself well on the witness stand.

[redacted] - Assigned Omaha

Testified at pre-trial hearing and trial. Subjected to lengthy cross examination. Made a creditable impression. Participated in surveillance of March 4, 1949.

Robert J. Wirth - Assigned New York

Testified at pre-trial hearing and trial to crucial phases of this investigation. Subjected to lengthy cross examination. Made excellent impression. Participated in important surveillances of this case and the GUBITCHEV phases of this investigation were assigned to this agent.

Frederick E. Webb - Assigned FBI Laboratory

Furnished expert testimony regarding documents at trial; made an excellent impression. Not subject to cross examination.

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[redacted] - Assigned New York

Testified at trial, subjected to considerable cross examination; made very favorable impression. Participated in physical surveillance of March 4, 1949.

As stated heretofore, it is the recommendation of this office that letters of commendation be directed to the above mentioned employees who played an important part in the successful investigation and conviction of the subjects of this case for violating the espionage laws of the United States.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

March 30, 1950

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CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY 1565 SDP/MSR
ON 9-23-91

Dear Sir:

I have carefully considered all of the facts presented to me with regard to the recent preparation of two memoranda for The Assistant to the Attorney General, furnishing information which was in the Bureau's possession concerning Owen Lattimore.

In the first place, had the original memorandum been properly prepared and adequately supervised by you, there would have been no need for a second communication to the Department. I can see no valid reason why the additional information, which it was found necessary to incorporate in the supplemental memorandum, was not furnished the Department at the outset, inasmuch as you realized the extreme importance of the matter as well as my desire that the memorandum be complete.

In addition, a conclusion on the part of the Bureau was included and this was a clear transgression of the well-established policy of this Bureau which is a fact-finding organization. Even when an attempt was made to remedy the inadequacy of the original communication by the submission of a supplemental memorandum, this document, too, was prepared and approved by the Security Division with two glaring errors which must have been obvious to any person reading the memorandum who has kept abreast of the news during the past several months.

It was your responsibility as the official in charge of the Security Division to delegate the preparation of the memorandum to personnel capable of properly handling the assignment and in addition to give the matter the necessary supervision to insure completeness and accuracy. This you failed to do.

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cc: Security Division, Personnel File

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Certainly I have a right to expect that Bureau executives to whom matters of such importance as this are delegated will see to it that the assignments are handled in an entirely proper manner with no resulting embarrassment to the Bureau. Therefore, you must take the necessary measures to insure against any further such failures in the future, and if you are unable to do this, other administrative action may be required.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: OWEN LATTIMORE
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DATE: March 24, 1950

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AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1)
DATE 09-21-2010

PURPOSE

To obtain your authorization to transmit the attached memorandum to Peyton Ford containing supplemental information to that furnished him in a memorandum of March 22, 1950, in the above-captioned case.

BACKGROUND

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

The original memorandum of March 22, 1950, was prepared by [redacted] the supervisor on the Chinese Communist desk. The information contained in the supplemental memorandum referred to pertains to material that is contained in files at the Bureau.

The memorandum to the Department of March 22, 1950, was prepared with the view of briefly furnishing pertinent information in our files bearing on the espionage allegations against Lattimore. The memorandum prepared for the Director on March 23, furnished additional information believed pertinent as a result of disclosures by Senator McCarthy, particularly his allegation that FBI Agents had followed Soviet agents to Lattimore's home.

The Brief being prepared will be in detail and as complete as possible considering the voluminous nature of this file and its references.

Specific items of information were not previously submitted to the Department for the following reasons:

The original memorandum of March 22, 1950, contained information to the effect that Dr. Jessup as Ambassador-at-Large for the State Department had written to Lattimore asking for Lattimore's personal views on the objectives of United States policy and methods to be employed in the Far East. Dr. Jessup's letter was in connection with his appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee to the State Department to review the situation in China and Central Asia. The letter was forwarded from Baltimore by Lattimore's secretary, Margery McKim, to Lattimore who was then at Bethel, Vermont, and had been obtained from a mail cover on all incoming and outgoing mail, which gave us access to all of Lattimore's correspondence at that time.

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The correspondence between Lattimore, his father, and Maury Maverick, as well as the two references from the technical surveillances wherein Jessup's name was mentioned were regarded merely as further evidence that Jessup was then known to Lattimore and it was felt that this evidence added nothing to the information already furnished to the Department.

The original memorandum of March 22, 1950, to the Department pointed out that Lattimore had been a member of the Editorial Board of Amerasia and it was indicated that Philip F. Jaffe, editor of Amerasia, had been convicted in connection with the Amerasia Case and that Roth, who had also been arrested in this matter, was a known associate of Lattimore and at least on one occasion was known to have spent the night at Lattimore's home. The specific references to the surveillance of July 2, 1945, and the surveillances of June 2 and June 3, 1945, were contained in the Amerasia file and was developed as a result of a specific effort to obtain information relating to associates of Lattimore in connection with Senator McCarthy's charge contained in the Washington "Evening Star" of Wednesday, March 22, 1950, that "FBI Agents trailed four Soviet spy suspects to contacts with an American they accused of heading an espionage ring." Inasmuch as Roth and Jaffe were already known to have been associates of Lattimore and information of that effect was included in the memorandum to the Department, no particular significance was attached to the information obtained from this surveillance until the time that Senator McCarthy's charges were made public, which were not known at the time that the memorandum to the Department was prepared.

In other words we have to wait for accusations before getting
The reference relating to Anna Louise Strong was known but inasmuch as she has been widely publicized as an expert on the Far East who would have normal contacts with Owen Lattimore because of their mutual interests in the problems of the Far East, the contact was not deemed to be of sufficient significance to include in the summary memorandum to the Department.

The information that Lattimore had been contacted by Richard Lauterbach was known and had been obtained as a result of a technical surveillance on Lattimore's home at Ruxton, Maryland. This information was not included in the memorandum to the Department due to the fact that

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(S) [redacted] and, therefore, [redacted] could not be furnished to the Department in this instance in view of the necessity for extreme precautions of security to protect the information furnished by [redacted] to the Bureau and in view

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This is an absurd contention for memo was for G. J. & we had no right to assume he knew anything about Strong. No sign matter of fact one of the Senators asked about her when memo

mutual together not withstanding the fact memo was supposed to be confidential. N. G. J.

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I cannot follow this logic. The memo was not to disclose sources & therefore all should have been included. It had I should have been told of what was being withheld. It was certain by Department H.

of the fact that the information in this memorandum to the Department would in all probability reach persons in the Department who should have no knowledge of information obtained through [redacted] b2

The information relating to the naming of Joseph Barnes with Owen Lattimore by Berzine as Americans working for the Soviets in China was originally included in the memorandum to the Department but was deleted because no significance was attached to including the name of the other individual insofar as the allegation on Lattimore was concerned. The references to the fact that Lattimore stayed over night at the home of Barnes on June 27, 1949, was inadvertently overlooked in preparing this memorandum in question.

Someone has a queer interpretation of significance H.

ADDENDUM - March 24, 1950

A tickler copy of the memorandum to you dated March 23 with the additional data was furnished to Mr. Peyton Ford prior to the meeting this morning and he said that it would be read with the other memorandum. He left out the references to the technical and mail cover. After reading it he stated he could not see that this added anything to the memorandum originally furnished to the Attorney General.

D. M. Ladd

- 1. I am shocked at gross mishandling of this matter. It parallels the Fuchs cases.*
- 2. I want specific recommendations from Ladd & Belmont as to disciplinary action.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Memoranda to the Department
re Owen Lattimore

DATE: March 27, 1950

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Ladd ☒

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Messrs. ^{DM}Ladd, ^{AM}Belmont and myself checked the brief and appendices that were completed late yesterday afternoon following an extensive file review, with the summary memoranda sent to Peyton Ford on March 22, and the two supplemental memoranda sent to Peyton Ford and the Attorney General on March 24.

As far as summarizing the information in our files, the three memoranda sent to the Department are basically sound. Obviously, in a total of 15 pages, 11 for the first memorandum to Peyton Ford and four for the two supplemental memoranda, it was not possible to set forth the data in our files in the detail that was set forth in the 36-page brief prepared yesterday and the 101-page appendix.

As an illustration, in the memorandum to Peyton Ford on March 22, two paragraphs are devoted to the Amerasia case. Several pages are devoted to the Amerasia case in the brief and appendix; however, what was important was to show Lattimore's connections with Amerasia. That is in the material going to the Department.

Secondly, Lattimore, traveling around the country as he has, has had literally hundreds of contacts, many of which have been questionable. All of his contacts and associates are not set forth in the brief. For example, Sir Bernard Pares, pro-Soviet, a Britisher spoke to Lattimore, at which time Lattimore asked him about somebody to head the Russian department at Johns Hopkins. Lattimore had several contacts with David Wahl. He had contacts with Solomon Adler, Professor John Fairbank, Allen Rosenberg, Jessica Smith, Ella Winter, Carl Green, who are members of the Communist Party. These are not in the memoranda to the Department but I do not think that this is in any way a defect.

Likewise, in the memoranda to the Department, membership or affiliations with organizations declared subversive and more important, other ones are set forth. We did not set forth his membership, for example, in organizations such as the International Film Foundation, which handled pro-Soviet films. He was a member of the advisory council; however, this falls within the category of information that we do not even furnish to the Department.

When? Just what is the rule for inclusion when a completed memo is to be prepared?

Definitely concur with Tolson. When I told me Ford wanted Lattimore memo a certain time told

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Memorandum to the Director

March 27, 1950

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The memorandum to Peyton Ford dated March 24, referring to contacts Lattimore had with Maury Maverick, lists two dates-- September 6, 1945, and September 3, 1945. This is a typographical error and the dates should be September 6, 1949, and September 3, 1949. Mr. Belmont has requested a memorandum of explanation. Supervisor [redacted] was responsible, and it should be observed that he worked all Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night and did not leave here until late last evening.

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This is atrocious. Have me by
memo so advised R. G. Ford. *due*

This memo is just a very
feeble effort to alibi an
atrocious handling of this
entire matter by all
concerned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *J.A. X CARLSON* DATE: March 27, 1950 ✓
 FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *L.B. X NICHOLS*
 SUBJECT: OWEN LATTIMORE *C.E. X HENNRICH*
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Reference is made to your memorandum to the Director dated March 24, 1950, in this matter wherein it is reflected that the original memorandum dated March 22, 1950, furnished to the Attorney General was prepared by Supervisor [redacted]. Your memorandum dated March 24, sets forth the reasons why certain information was not included in the memorandum to the Department dated March 22, 1950. The Director stated, "I want specific recommendations from Ladd and Belmont as to disciplinary action."

On page three of the summary memorandum on Owen Lattimore transmitted to Mr. Peyton Ford under dated of March 22, 1950, a statement is made, "It should be noted that other allegations along a similar vein have been received concerning Lattimore, but although an extensive investigation has been conducted between March, 1949, and the present date, during which time his activities have been closely followed, no tangible evidence has been uncovered to date to corroborate the allegations or to indicate that he is involved in espionage activity." This statement is in the nature of a conclusion and should not have been included in a summary memorandum to the Attorney General.

It is also noted that two dates set forth in the supplementary memorandum to Mr. Peyton Ford, of the Department, dated March 24, 1950, were incorrect and needed changing. As mentioned to the Director in the memorandum of Mr. Nichols dated March 27, 1950, this was a typographical error and in accordance with the Director's instructions, the Attorney General and Mr. Ford are being advised by memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a letter of censure be directed to Supervisor [redacted] for his failure to include complete information in the files in the original memorandum to the Department, and for inclusion of the above-mentioned statement which is, in effect, a conclusion, contrary to Bureau policy in such matters. The listing of the incorrect date likewise was a failure to properly proofread the information in the supplementary memorandum of March 24, 1950, against the original source material and this, of course, was the responsibility of Agent [redacted]. *I agree - brief of file attached*

I likewise recommend that a letter of censure be sent to me in view of the fact that it is my over-all responsibility to see that the Director's instructions are carried out properly and as I approved the memoranda as submitted. *To Belmont - OK*

I concur in the above, and in view of the fact that I also reviewed and approved this memorandum, I would recommend that a letter of censure be directed to me. *3-27-50 To Ladd - OK L. J. D. M. Ladd*

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Also, letter of censure should be directed to Carlson & Nichols, who initiated the memo 3-28

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT:

DATE: March 27, 1950

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Security Division
 With reference to the memorandum that went to Peyton Ford on March 22, paragraph three on page 3 reads as follows:

"It should be noted that other allegations along a similar vein have been received concerning Lattimore, but although an extensive investigation has been conducted between March, 1949 and the present date, during which time his activities have been closely followed, no tangible evidence has been uncovered to date to corroborate the allegations or to indicate that he is involved in espionage activity."

I advised Messrs. ^{D.M.} Ladd and ^{A.} Belmont of your concern and in response to your request for an explanation, both state that while the contents of this paragraph are correct as of the present date and this was set forth as a statement of fact; nevertheless, they, beyond this, have no other explanation. Both are fully cognizant of the ramifications of this paragraph and both say they will be on the alert to avoid a repetition in the future.

C. E. HENNRICH
 J. P. X MDHR
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 J. A. X CARLSON

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ADDENDUM: I also read this memorandum. I should have known better. I have no explanation to make.

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It is astounding to me not only that a supervisor would incorporate such a conclusion in a memo, but that Belmont, Ladd, Nichols, Mohr & Carlson would each approve it. I can believe it was reviewed as it should have been for it is a complete reversal of our traditional policy not to make

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

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ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL ()

As of March 31, 1950 based on performance during period from April 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950

ALAN H. BELMONT

(Name of employee)

ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, \$9400, CAF-14

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Rated by W. J. Glavin
(Signature of rating official)

Asst. Director
(Title)

March 31, 1950
(Date)

Reviewed by W. J. Glavin
(Signature of reviewing official)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Rating approved by efficiency rating committee 5/2/50
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Report to employee SECRET
(Adjective rating)

ALAN H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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This is the annual efficiency report on Assistant Special Agent in Charge Alan H. Belmont, and it will also serve as the efficiency report due in connection with his transfer from the New York office to the Bureau.

Throughout the rating period, and until he reported to the Bureau on February 27, 1950, Mr. Belmont served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Division I of the New York office, which is the Division which handles major cases as well as all security matters, including Communist cases and Russian espionage, the [SUITEC] section (U) and other matters. Mr. Belmont had six Supervisors under his direction, the work of Division I being divided into six sections. He had under his immediate direction some of the most important cases being handled by the Bureau, including the prosecution of the Communist Party leadership, the Hiss case, and the Coplon-Gubitchev case. (S)

Mr. Belmont handled his important duties and responsibilities in an exceptionally outstanding manner. He makes an excellent personal appearance, possesses a splendid personality, dresses neatly, and exercises initiative, resourcefulness, force, and aggressiveness in a very outstanding manner. He is a very capable dictator and operates an automobile properly. He has shown exceptional ability both in handling and supervising dangerous assignments and in supervising matters pertaining to physical surveillances and difficult and complicated investigations. The same is true of his ability to supervise report writing matters.

Mr. Belmont has always made a splendid impression in his contacts with law enforcement officials and others and has the ability to organize investigations and to accept and discharge responsibilities without supervision. He is in excellent physical condition. He makes an excellent witness and testified in an outstanding manner when subjected to vigorous cross-examination in hearings in the Coplon-Gubitchev case. He is available for any special or general assignment on which the Bureau may desire to use him.

Mr. Belmont commanded the respect of personnel working under him and demonstrated that he possesses the quality of leadership. He has shown that he possesses common sense and judgment and the ability to analyze difficult and complicated matters. I feel that in all respects his performance as Assistant Special Agent in Charge was highly satisfactory. He is a very hard worker and possesses keen enthusiasm. At all times he has demonstrated that he has the Bureau's best interests

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at heart. He is in all respects qualified to handle important responsibilities, and I consider him one of the most capable men in the Bureau's service.

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May 25, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the 1950 annual efficiency report submitted on Special Agent Supervisor [redacted] by Mr. Carl E. Hennrich and approved by you. In this report, Agent [redacted] was rated as excellent. However, in view of the fact that he was censured and placed on probation during the current rating period because of his unsatisfactory handling of an espionage case which was under his supervision and inasmuch as he remained in a probationary status for a considerable portion of the rating period, the Bureau cannot concur in the excellent rating afforded him and, accordingly, it is being reduced to Very Good. You should inform Agent [redacted] of this action, as well as the reason for it.

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It is apparent that sufficient consideration was not given to the evaluation of Agent [redacted] services in connection with the above-mentioned efficiency report on him and, it is desired that in the future you should exercise greater care in connection with the preparation and approval of efficiency reports in order that the services of the employees in question may be properly evaluated and there may be no further occasion to bring such a matter to your attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 5-10-50

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

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SECURITY DIVISION

Mr. Carl Hennrich has submitted an Excellent 1950 annual efficiency report on Supervisor [REDACTED] who is assigned to the Espionage Section. In connection with the report comment was made that on July 1, 1949 [REDACTED] was censured and placed on probation. This action was taken because of his failure to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] close supervision to the case entitled [REDACTED] was, Espionage-R, in which investigation nearly a year elapsed between the dates of the Bureau's instructions to the Baltimore office to initiate the investigation and the submission of the first investigative report by that office. Supervisor [REDACTED] was removed from probation on October 13, 1949.

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It was stated that [REDACTED] has demonstrated that he is a very competent Bureau supervisor. He knows Bureau policies thoroughly and applies them with sound judgment. He exercises initiative, proceeds with a minimum of supervision and is willing to accept and discharge responsibility. He is a conscientious and thorough worker and takes great pride in his work and in doing a difficult job well. He has the necessary force and aggressiveness to discharge his responsibilities and has definite and excellent possibilities for further development, his attitude toward his work is most commendable and he has voluntarily given a far above average amount of his time to promote the work on his desk.

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On December 9, 1949 he was afforded a uniform promotion and at the same time commended for his outstanding devotion to duty in applying himself to the work on his desk in the Security Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Supervisor [REDACTED] was censured and placed on probation during the current rating period and remained in a probationary status until October 13, 1949 it is recommended that his rating be reduced to Very Good. In the event this recommendation should be approved, Mr. Belmont should be instructed to inform Supervisor [REDACTED] of the reduction in the rating and the reason for it.

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April 19, 1950

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The exemplary conduct of the many Special Agents and other personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who testified throughout the lengthy preliminary hearings and during the trial of the recent case of United States v. Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev, is worthy of my most wholehearted commendation.

To an even greater degree than during the District of Columbia prosecution, these ladies and gentlemen were called upon to testify under most trying circumstances and, by virtue of the harassing and frequently unprincipled conduct of defense counsel, were subjected to a type of cross-examination calling for the utmost in alertness, sagacity and self-control. Without exception all Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel who testified in the case did so in a manner which reflects great credit upon themselves and upon the organization which they serve.

In addition to those who appeared as witnesses, there were many special agents and other employees of the Bureau who, by their work during the course of the investigation and during the trial, contributed substantially to the successful conclusion of the case and whose efforts should not go unheeded.

Without intending by comparison to detract from the contribution of anyone, it behooves me to stress the outstanding efficiency and devotion to duty which marked the

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efforts of Messrs. Alan H. Belmont, Robert R. Granville, and T. Scott Miller of the New York Division, and Messrs. Howard B. Fletcher, Leo L. Laughlin and Robert J. Lamphere of the Washington, D. C. Headquarters and Field Office.

I desire also to particularly commend the work of Messrs. [redacted], Richard E. Brennan, [redacted], Leo J. Gauthier, T. J. McAndrews, [redacted], John F. Malley, [redacted], Robert J. Wirth, [redacted], John R. Murphy, John J. Ward, Edward F. McCarthy, [redacted], [redacted], Kenneth T. Delavigne and [redacted], as well as Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted]

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Others who testified during the preliminary proceedings, each of whom deserves a special measure of recognition, are Mrs. [redacted], Miss [redacted] and Messrs.

[redacted], Vincent J. Ascherl, William C. Hendricks, Anatole A. Boguslav, Robert Broderick, [redacted], Johnnie W. Dyer, Michael G. Leonard, [redacted], [redacted], Lester O. Gallaher, [redacted], [redacted], William C. Martin, [redacted], [redacted], Joseph P. McNulty, [redacted], [redacted], Allen F. Rust, John W. Shindoler, [redacted], [redacted], Robert E. Leonard, [redacted] and Arthur Avignone.

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In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to express my thanks for

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the cooperation of every member of the Bureau who was connected with this case.

Sincerely,

/s/ James M. McInerney

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM-----United States Government

TO : H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: February 14, 1950

FROM : L. WHITSON

SUBJECT: JAHAM

Reference is made to Baltimore letter dated January 24, 1950, and New York letter dated January 27, 1950, which were referred to the Espionage Section of the Security Division for appropriate comment with respect to the participation of certain special agents in the investigation of the Jaham case. The Baltimore and New York letters are attached.

The Espionage Section agrees with the recommendation made by the SAC of the Baltimore and New York Office with respect to the activities of the agents names in the attached letter.

With reference to the New York letter, the Espionage Section recommends that ASAC A. H. Belmont receive a letter of commendation for the excellent manner in which he handled his duties in this case.

Attachments

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: REGULAR () SPECIAL (60-Day)
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of May 19, 1950 based on performance during period from Feb. 27, 1950 to April 27, 1950

ALAN H. BELMONT
(Name of employee)

INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, SECURITY DIVISION
(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, SECURITY DIVISION
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A) Capable of assuming additional responsibilities.
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Rated by [Signature]
(Signature of rating official)

Asst. to the Dir.
(Title)

May 19, 1950
(Date)

Reviewed by [Signature]
(Signature of reviewing official)

Assistant Director
(Title)

(Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee

(Date)


Report to employee [Signature]
(Adjective rating)

ALAN H. BELMONT
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
SECURITY DIVISION
GS 14 \$9400
EOD SOG 2-27-50
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Mr. Belmont has been Inspector in Charge of the Security Division since February 27, 1950. He has taken hold of his duties at the Seat of Government very rapidly and has very satisfactorily handled the operations of the Security Division during the short period of time he has been in charge.

He makes an excellent personal appearance and has a splendid personality. He is exceptionally interested in his work and proceeds with each assignment or investigation with a maximum of enthusiasm. He demonstrates that he has the quality of leadership and is able to adequately direct the activities of the supervisors in the various fields of investigative effort.

By letter dated March 30, 1950, Mr. Belmont was censured with regard to the preparation of two memoranda for The Assistant to the Attorney General in connection with the case of Owen Lattimore for failure to see that the memoranda were complete and adequate.

 RATING: VERY GOOD

June 8, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The success attained in effecting the identification, apprehension and confession of Harry Gold is, of course, well known to me and I would be remiss if I did not express my personal commendation and gratitude to you for the highly efficient manner in which you handled the over-all supervision of this case.

The general enthusiasm and zeal with which the employees under your supervision carried out their assignments are a tribute to the capable manner in which you are discharging your responsibilities. You should feel justly proud of the results attained in this case.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Ladd (P&C)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Gifford

DATE: 6-8-50

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: Letters of Commendation and
Meritorious Increases in Salary
HARRY GOLD; ESPIONAGE - R Case.b6
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Ladd ✓
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By memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated 6-8-50 Mr. Belmont has recommended that Special Agents T. Scott Miller and Richard Brennan be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on the captioned case. Mr. Belmont also recommended that Assistant Director H. H. Clegg, Special Agents Robert J. Lamphere, Ernest [redacted] and Norris Harzenstein be commended by letter for their work on this case. Mr. Ladd concurred.

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Mr. Belmont also advised that he would recommend that SAC A. Cornelius be sent a letter of commendation on this case in view of the fact he has given it his personal attention throughout, had handled the necessary contacts with Judge McGranery, the defense attorneys and USA Gleason in a very commendable manner, but for the fact that it was necessary to send him a letter criticizing the failure to send additional Agents to Gold's home to complete the search the day of his confession. Aside from this, Mr. Belmont advised, SAC Cornelius has handled the case in an excellent manner and has shown full recognition of the importance of the case and the necessity of keeping the Bureau advised.

By way of background on the work of SAs T. Scott Miller and Richard Brennan, Mr. Belmont advised that they were assigned to interview Gold in Philadelphia. They conducted the interview with tenacity and skill, patiently and thoroughly going over his account of his activities for several days. Adroit questioning during the search of his premises on 5-22-50 resulted in his confession of his involvement with Fuchs. They continued to interview Gold since that time and have gained his confidence to the point where he is continuing to furnish valuable information regarding espionage activities in the United States with which he is acquainted. PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THEIR PERSONNEL FILES ARE ATTACHED.

Mr. Belmont has also strongly recommended that a letter of commendation be directed to Mr. C. E. Hennrich for his outstanding work on this case, and to SAC Scheidt.

It is pointed out that SA [redacted] who has been recommended for a letter of commendation, was placed on probation on 2-24-50 for the unsatisfactory preparation of a memorandum for the Director concerning Emil Julius Kuchs as it was apparent he was negligent in his failure to clearly indicate in the memorandum that information

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regarding Fuch's arrival in the United States and his subsequent activities had been in the Bureau's possession. [] was also ordered transferred from the Security Division to Philadelphia; however, this transfer was cancelled in view of his previous excellent record. A PERMANENT BRIEF OF HIS FILE IS ATTACHED.

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Mr. Belmont advises that Agent [] handled the supervision of the investigation looking toward the identification of Gold. His enthusiasm and confidence in the successful outcome of the investigation and his research and analysis, resulting finally in his recommendation that effort be concentrated on Abraham Brothman and his associates, including Gold, resulted in the identification of Gold as Fuch's American espionage contact.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that SAs T. Scott Miller and Richard Brennan be afforded meritorious increases in salary for their outstanding work on this case. If you approve, the necessary papers are attached.

2. It is recommended that letters of commendation go forward to Assistant Director H. H. Clegg, SAs Robert J. Lamphere, [] [] If you approve, the appropriate letters are attached.

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3. It is recommended that SAC Cornelius not be commended by letter in view of the criticism he has received on this case.

Letter to [] 10/1/49
4. It is recommended that SA [] be removed from probation for his splendid work on this case and that he be advised by letter the reason for his removal at this time.

5. It is recommended that letters of commendation be directed to SAC Scheidt, Mr. A. H. Belmont, and C. E. Hennrich for their splendid work on this case. If you approve, appropriate letters are attached.

Attachments

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July 3, 1950

Mr. Alan E. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am extremely displeased over the recent lapse on the part of the Security Division in failing to discover an error which had been contained in an investigative report of the Washington Field Office prepared in 1945 in a most important espionage case. As you know, the discrepancy was first brought to the Bureau's attention by an official of the Department of Justice and the Bureau has been placed in an embarrassing position because of this situation.

I must insist upon the utmost accuracy, particularly in matters of such importance and I shall expect that no further failures of this character will be permitted to occur.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

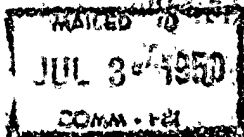
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Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 12, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

PURPOSE

To answer your inquiry as to why a memorandum captioned as above dated June 7, 1950, was prepared for transmittal to Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney of the Department. The memorandum, which was prepared, is attached.

DETAILS

As stated in the predicated paragraph of the memorandum of June 7 1950, the information was furnished to the Bureau by a reliable confidential informant concerning the international situation. [This informant is [REDACTED]]

[REDACTED] Consequently, considerable weight and credence are placed in the data which he furnishes to the Bureau. The informant is being closely and exhaustively interviewed by Agents in the New York Office. In addition to other valuable information which he is [REDACTED]

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We have, of course, in the past furnished similar data to the Department in memorandum form. In addition, the quarterly reports on the Communist Party, USA, which are prepared by the Field, as well as the semi-annual intelligence summary on the Communist Party, USA, which is prepared at the Seat of Government, all have contained a separate section on international relations. These have all been made available to the Department.

Information of this nature dealing with international relations as it concerns the Communist Party, USA has previously been transmittted to Mr. Peyton Ford but in view of recent instructions such memoranda are now being designated for Mr. McInerney of the Criminal Division.

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ACTION:

None. This is being submitted for your information and to point out that it is felt that it is our responsibility to keep the Department, as well as other intelligence agencies, fully advised of all reliable information coming to our attention bearing upon the international situation, particularly when such data comes from a highly reliable and well placed source within the Communist Party. If it is your desire that this not be done, our policy will be changed accordingly.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION, " No one has questioned the responsibility to keep the Intelligence Agencies informed. I didn't raise that point so consequently the above conclusions is gratuitous & not in point. I do not think this particular material is pertinent enough to be sent by separate memo to the Department.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: June 16, 1950

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

PURPOSE:

To answer the Director's inquiry as to who drafted the memorandum from you to the Director dated June 12, 1950, which is attached.

DETAILS:

The memorandum in question was prepared by Supervisors J. L. Schmit and [REDACTED]

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I have discussed this matter in detail with these Supervisors and they are exceedingly sorry and disturbed that this memorandum left the impression with the Director that it was disrespectful and surly. They have advised me that the memorandum was intended to be a factual statement of the reason for sending information of this nature to Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney of the Department and to explain that it has been our policy to send this type of information in the past.

Messrs. Schmit and [REDACTED] now realize that by including the reference to the intelligence agencies the erroneous impression was given that the memorandum was discourteous. These Supervisors asked me to explain that under no circumstances would they have intentionally prepared a memorandum which would give such an impression.

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I feel that these men are genuinely sorry and now realize that they did make a mistake in the choice of their language. They both are experienced supervisors and extremely loyal to the Bureau and the Director.

When the memorandum came through my office we should have realized that the language used might have given the impression of being discourteous. We regret that we missed this and will be more alert in the future.

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Director's notation, "It shows sloppy supervision & review all along the line. It is just such conclusions which can be seized upon at later dates & embarrass the Bureau. I don't intend to be placed in such a position either thru intentional maliciousness or thoughtless stupidity."

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DIRECTOR

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SECURITY DIVISION**

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You will recall that Supervisor [] assisted in the preparation of a memorandum with Supervisor J. L. Schmitt explaining why a memorandum on Communist Party, USA, International Relations, Internal Security-C, was prepared for transmission to Mr. McInerney, of the Department. The memorandum ended with a gratuitous statement pertaining to sending information dealing with the international situation to other intelligence agencies, as well as to the Department.

I questioned Supervisor [] concerning this memorandum this morning. He explained that the original memorandum to McInerney was prepared by Supervisor []. When the transmittal of the memorandum to McInerney was questioned [] was at Quantico and [] was asked to submit the memorandum of explanation. He was not familiar with [] reason for sending the memorandum to McInerney. [] dictated the first part of the memorandum of explanation, dated June 12. He took the memorandum to Mr. Schmitt, the Number One Man in the Internal Security Section, who dictated that portion of the conclusion referring to other intelligence agencies, which was criticized. [] told Schmitt he thought that the memorandum should go into greater detail as to the type of information which previously has been sent to the Department, but was told that there was not sufficient time to prepare this. He states that while he did not dictate the conclusion on the second page of the June 12 memorandum, he saw what Schmitt had dictated except the last sentence "If it is your desire that this not be done, our policy will be changed accordingly." This final sentence was added by Inspector Leo Laughlin at the instruction of Inspector Belmont, who states that he told Laughlin to add the sentence for the purpose of securing advice from the Director as to future policy. Mr. Belmont admits to me that the phraseology was unfortunate, but that it was certainly not intended to be flippant in any way.

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Mr. [] indicated that he was quite distressed concerning this matter and that certainly he had no intention of being flippant in any manner. I was very favorably impressed with Mr. [] and in view of his explanation concerning the preparation of the memorandum I do not believe that he can be held accountable for the manner in which the memorandum finally was sent through.

Supervisor Schmitt is on annual leave and I will interview him concerning this matter upon his return to the city next week.

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It is obvious [] did not dictate the offensive portion of the mem.

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DIRECTOR

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INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION
SECURITY DIVISION

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[] You will recall that Supervisor Schmit and Supervisor [] of the Security Division, participated in preparing a memorandum dated June 12 explaining why certain data were being forwarded to Mr. McInerney of the Department. I talked to Supervisor [] and submitted a memorandum dated June 22 concerning his participation in the preparation of this memorandum.

I talked today with Supervisor Schmit, who prepared the first sentence on page two of the memorandum in question, which stated " * * * It is felt that it is our responsibility to keep the Department, as well as other intelligence agencies, fully advised of all reliable information coming to our attention bearing upon the international situation * * * ." Mr. Schmit states that it is clear to him that the inclusion of the reference to "as well as other intelligence agencies" was unfortunate and created a wrong impression.

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The memorandum of June 12 concluded with a sentence "If it is your desire that this not be done, our policy will be changed accordingly." It was originally thought that this concluding statement in the memorandum was prepared by Supervisors Schmit and []. As I pointed out in my memorandum of June 22 covering my conversation with Supervisor [], Mr. Belmont advised me on the same date that the final sentence was added by Inspector Leo Laughlin at Mr. Belmont's instructions and Mr. Belmont stated he told Laughlin to add the sentence for the purpose of securing advice from the Director as to future policy. Mr. Belmont admitted that the phraseology was most unfortunate but that it was not intended to be flippant in any way.

The memorandum of June 16 further explaining who drafted the memorandum of June 12 was not properly prepared by Inspector Laughlin, who did not indicate that anyone other than Supervisors Schmit and [] had participated in preparing the June 12 memorandum. I asked Mr. Laughlin about this. He stated he was sorry this was not explained; that he should have done it but forgot to do so. He states that he is solely responsible for the phraseology utilized in the last sentence of the June 12 memorandum.

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Mr. Belmont, as I pointed out in my memorandum of June 22, came to see me on that date concerning the June 12 memorandum. He stated it was not until I had talked to Supervisor [] on June 22 that he realized that criticism was being directed to the last sentence of the June 12 memorandum "If it is your desire that this not be done, our policy will be changed accordingly." He states that the moment it was brought to his attention that this was subject to criticism he came to my office to explain that Inspector Laughlin added the sentence at his, Belmont's, directions. He claims he missed the point of the matter entirely up to that time.

While the reference to other intelligence agencies was entirely a gratuitous one, it is my opinion that the most grievous error in the preparation of the June 12 memorandum involved the last sentence which was added after the memorandum left the hands of the two supervisors and, consequently, I do not believe that the supervisors should be held accountable for the manner in which the memorandum finally was submitted.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTATION, "The whole point seems to have been missed. I never raised any question about sending any information to the Intelligence Agencies. I solely questioned the sending of certain specific data in question to McInerney. It didn't raise any question of over all police & most certainly no question as to any policy of what was to be sent to Intelligence agencies. Yet in reply to my query I get an entirely gratuitous & extraneous memo which in addition was couched in a flippancy of phraseology."

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Director's notation, "I consider Belmont & Laughlin & Schmit & [] all culpable in this incident. Also where was "add in reviewing it.".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: ALAN HARNDEN BELMONT
Inspector in Charge
Security Division

DATE: August 7, 1950

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RE: UNIFORM PROMOTION

This employee entered on duty 11-30-36 as a Special Agent, CAF-9, \$3200 per annum and was reallocated to Grade CAF-14, \$7175 per annum on 1-14-46. As the result of 2 Uniform Promotions, 1 meritorious promotion, and 3 basic salary increases, his present salary is \$9400 per annum. He is now eligible for a Uniform Promotion, effective 8-6-50.

On 3-31-49 SAC Scheidt rated him EXCELLENT.

By letter dated 7-8-49 he was advised that as a result of the inquiry into the handling of the espionage cases of Agnes Smedley and Gunther Stein, it was apparent that the part played by the New York Division in that case was inadequate. Inasmuch as the investigation of the New York Division was under his general supervision, he was considered to have been at fault in failing to bring about a careful review and analysis of the available facts and a prompt and thorough investigation of all logical leads in order that the case might have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion without unnecessary delay. He was advised that it was hoped he fully realized the delinquencies which occurred in this matter and would take the necessary precautions in connection with other investigations under his supervision in order to prevent similar shortcomings.

He was afforded a meritorious promotion from \$9200 per annum to \$9400 per annum in Grade GS-14 in view of the outstanding services performed by him in connection with the trial and conviction of the eleven Communist Party top functionaries in the Federal District Court in New York City. This promotion became effective 10-30-49.

On 2-27-50 he was transferred from ASAC at New York Office to the position of Inspector in Charge of the Security Division.

The Director saw him on 2-27-50 and said he told Belmont that he had not been satisfied with the current administration of the Security Division and it was for that reason that he was being brought to Washington to take charge of it. He (the Director) discussed with him some of the difficulties which had occurred and the imperative necessity for the injection in that division of thoroughness, ingenuity and more energy. The Director further stated that Mr. Belmont seemed to have a full grasp of the technical subjects over which he would have supervision and hoped that he (Belmont) would manifest the necessary drive and direction in handling the personnel of that division so that there might be a marked improvement in it.

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By letter dated 3-30-50 he was advised that the Bureau had carefully considered all of the facts presented with regard to the recent preparation of two memoranda for The Assistant to the Attorney General, furnishing information which was in the Bureau's possession concerning Owen Lattimore. It was noted in the first place, had the original memorandum been properly prepared and adequately supervised by him, there would have been no need for a second communication to the Department - there seemed to be no reason why the additional information, which it was found necessary to incorporate in the supplemental memorandum, was not furnished the Department at the outset inasmuch as he (Belmont) realized the extreme importance of the matter as well as the Bureau's desire that the memorandum be complete; and in addition, a conclusion on the part of the Bureau was included and this was a clear transgression of the well-established policy of the Bureau which was a fact-finding organization - even when an attempt was made to remedy the inadequacy of the original communication by the submission of a supplemental memorandum, this document, too, was prepared and approved by the Security Division with two glaring errors which must have been obvious to any person reading the memorandum who had kept abreast of the news during the past several months. He was further advised that it was his responsibility as the official in charge of the Security Division to delegate the preparation of the memorandum to personnel capable of properly handling the assignment and in addition to give the matter the necessary supervision to insure completeness and accuracy - in this he failed to do; and that necessary measures must be taken to insure against any further such failures in the future and if he was unable to do this, other administrative action might be required.

3-21 On 5-19-50 Mr. Ladd rated him VERY GOOD and said he had taken hold of his duties at the SOG very rapidly and had very satisfactorily handled the operations of the Security Division during the short period of time he had been in charge. He made an excellent personal appearance and had a splendid personality; was exceptionally interested in his work and proceeded with each assignment or investigation with a maximum of enthusiasm; he demonstrated that he had the quality of leadership and was able to adequately direct the activities of the supervisors in the various fields of investigative efforts. He was censured in March, 1950, with regard to the preparation of two memoranda for The Assistant to the Attorney General in connection with the case of Owen Lattimore for failure to see that the memoranda were complete and adequate.

In June, 1950, a memorandum was sent to the Director advising why a memorandum on Communist Party, USA, International Relations, Internal Security-C was prepared for transmission to Mr. McInerney of the Department. The memorandum ended with a gratuitous statement, which the Director severely criticized, pertaining to sending information dealing with the international situation to other intelligence agencies, as well as to the Department. The final sentence, "If it is your desire that this not be done, our policy will be changed accordingly," was added by Inspector Leo Laughlin at the instruction of Inspector Belmont who stated that he told Laughlin to add the sentence for the purpose of securing advice from the Director as to future policy. Mr. Belmont admitted to Mr. Tolson that

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the phraseology was unfortunate, but that it was certainly not intended to be flippant in any way. The memorandum had been prepared by Supervisors J. L. Schmit and [redacted] and Belmont advised that when the memorandum came through his office, it should have been realized that the language used might have given the impression of being discourteous - it was regretted that this was missed and they would be more alert in the future.

The Director commented that he considered Belmont, Laughlin, Schmit and [redacted] all culpable in this incident. The Director stated he did not raise the question about sending any information to the Intelligence Agencies, but questioned the sending of certain specific data in question to McInerney. He added it did not raise any question of over-all policy and most certainly no question as to any policy of what was to be sent to Intelligence Agencies. Yet in reply to his query he received an "entirely gratuitous and extraneous memorandum which in addition was couched in a flippancy of phraseology."

It is noted that he was commended by letter dated 6-8-50 for the success attained in effecting the identification, apprehension and confession of Harry Gold. The Director expressed his gratitude for the highly efficient manner in which he (Belmont) handled the over-all supervision of this case.

By letter dated 7-3-50 the Director advised him that he was extremely displeased over the recent laxity on the part of the Security Division in failing to discover an error which had been contained in an investigative report of the Washington Field Office prepared in 1945 in a most important espionage case. As was known, the discrepancy was first brought to the Bureau's attention by an official of the Department of Justice and the Bureau had been placed in an embarrassing position because of this situation. He was further advised that he (the Director) must insist upon the utmost accuracy, particularly in matters of such importance and shall expect that no further failures of this character would be permitted to occur.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the administrative action taken against him within the consideration period, it is recommended that he be passed over for a Uniform Promotion at this time, to be reconsidered in November, 1950.

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September 1, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD
MR. BELMONT
MR. TOLSON

In regard to the attached memorandum from Mr. Belmont dated August 31, 1950, concerning the interview conducted by the New York Office with Lee Pressman I have just finished talking to Mr. Whelan at New York and he informs me that he was not instructed by Mr. Belmont not to interview Pressman at Pressman's Office. Mr. Whelan informs me that Mr. Belmont instructed him to invite Pressman down to the New York Office for an interview and beyond that there were no instructions.

In my conversation with Mr. Ladd from Los Angeles I specifically told Mr. Ladd that Pressman was not to be interviewed in his office, but that if Pressman should contact our New York Office he should be told that he could come down to the New York Office and make whatever statement he wished to make. I told Mr. Ladd that I did not intend that our Agents now should seek Pressman out since he had originally declined to make a statement to us before he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and as to whether or not he now made a statement to us was immaterial.

I am at a complete loss to understand why my instructions given to Mr. Ladd were not carried out by Mr. Ladd who should have phoned Mr. Scheidt. Instead Mr. Ladd delegated the matter to Mr. Belmont who instead of calling the SAC at New York called the Assistant SAC and then the instructions which were given to the Assistant SAC were not the instructions which I originally issued.

I do not see how we can reprimand either Mr. Scheidt or Mr. Whelan for failure to comply with the Bureau's instructions since they never received any instructions prohibiting an interview with Pressman at his office. The persons derelict in this matter are Mr. Ladd and Mr. Belmont. In the future when I issue orders to Bureau officials concerning matters of considerable importance I shall expect the individual official to whom I issue the order to carry the same out and not delegate it to some assistant or supervisor down the line.

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I think it would be well now to inform the SAC at New York in writing that any further interviews with Pressman are to be conducted at the New York Office. We should not under any circumstances at this time seek him out, but should he call and want to see any representative of the New York Office he should be told he can come down to the New York Office and he can be interviewed there.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 21, 1950

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT:

A. ROSEN

In connection with your inquiry concerning leave taken by Bureau officials during the year, I wish to advise as follows:

W. R. GLAVIN
Leave Taken

From

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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
SMX
Mr. Tracy

Three weeks taken in Feb. 1950

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July 12 July 28

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Mr. Carlson
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Mr. Nease
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Mr. Mohr

Mr. Belmont has scheduled leave from September 11 through September 29.

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Mr. Nichols had leave scheduled from July 10 through July 28 but he has not taken it.

I had leave scheduled from July 3 through July 18 which has not been taken.

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With reference to the annual leave taken by Mr. Rosen on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 16, 17 and 18 of last week, I spoke to Rosen upon his return to Washington yesterday. He stated that his mother and father had been here visiting him; he wanted to drive them back to Cleveland; that he spoke to Mr. Ladd about it and presumed that the leave had been approved. Mr. Ladd advised that Rosen came into his (Ladd's) office late Tuesday evening and stated that he was leaving Wednesday morning to drive his folks back home; that they had been here with him for two weeks. Mr. Ladd stated that he mentioned to Mr. Rosen that that was the first he had known Rosen's parents had been in town with him. There was no further discussion of this matter according to Mr. Ladd.

I personally had no knowledge of the departure of Mr. Rosen prior to the time he left.

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Certainly the Rosen leave in August was not in accordance with the approved schedule.

It is quite apparent from the testimony given by Pressman before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he has not been entirely frank but that in fact he has lied as to many aspects of his activities, and I have already instructed that immediate steps be taken to see whether a case of perjury might be developed against him.

I consider Pressman in no different category from that of an ordinary hoodlum, unless he be a few degrees lower than a hoodlum. Consequently I think it is not compatible with the prestige of this Bureau to be adjusting our interviews with him to his convenience and at such places and times as he desires.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~CHECK ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name MRS. LORETTA D. BELMONT Relationship WIFE Date 8/14/50
Address 4235 S 36 Fairlington, Arlington, Va

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name same as above Relationship wife Date 8/14/50
Address same as above AUG 19 1950

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent

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October 11, 1950

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Mr. A. E. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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ON 9-23-91

Dear Sir:

My attention has been directed to the failure of supervisory personnel under your jurisdiction to handle promptly two communications from the Pittsburgh Division dated August 3, and September 6, 1950, respectively, in the case entitled Milo Mamula, with alias, Security Matter. From an examination of the explanations submitted in this matter, it appears, among other things, that supervisory and stenographic congestion were responsible for part of the delay which condition reflects a lack of proper planning on your part. It was also noted that there was a duplication of effort in reviewing work in the handling of the September 6 letter which should not have been necessary.

In addition, it should have been apparent to you or to the Agent in Charge of the Internal Security Section that there was an unwarranted delay in replying to these letters and steps should have been taken immediately to determine the cause and correct this obviously undesirable condition.

It is expected that you will afford more thought and consideration to such matters in the future and that it will not be necessary to call such delinquencies to your attention again.

Very truly yours,

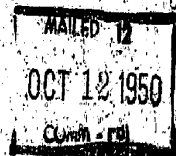
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TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: [redacted] with alias
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: October 3, 1950

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Security Division

PURPOSE

To answer your inquiry as contained in the attached memorandum to you dated September 29, 1950, in captioned matter as to the reasons for the delays in handling the two Pittsburgh letters requesting authority to interview [redacted]

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J. Baumgardner

It is recognized that too much time elapsed between the time that the Pittsburgh letters were received at the Bureau and the time that they were acknowledged. The following facts are set forth regarding the handling of each of the letters in order that you might be made aware of the reasons for these delays.

A. H. Belmont

PITTSBURGH LETTER OF AUGUST 3, 1950

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The first letter from the Pittsburgh Office requesting authority for an interview with [redacted] was not received in the Security Investigative Division until August 10, 1950. This communication was handled by Special Agent [redacted] to whom the case is assigned. Before the communication could be acknowledged and a decision made as to whether the interview should be authorized, it was necessary to examine the file on [redacted] as well as former Confidential Informant [redacted]. Because of these extensive file reviews and the necessity of handling other specials and the heavy volume of work coming across his desk, Agent [redacted] was not able to dictate on this communication until August 18, 1950, which communication was transcribed and sent to the Pittsburgh Office on August 29, 1950. The communication was transcribed on August 28, dated for the following day, and although it is realized that this dictation was on the stenographer's books for five working days, before it was transcribed, numerous other specials in the Internal Security Section necessitated deferring the transcription for the five day period.

This had better be looked into by the supervisory connection & stenographic section.

PITTSBURGH LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1950

This request was received in the Security Investigative Division on September 11, 1950. At the time of its receipt, Special Agent [redacted] was on annual leave and the communication was assigned to Special Agent [redacted] for handling in his absence. Since Agent [redacted] was unfamiliar with the case, it was necessary for him to again pull the files to make a determination as to whether [redacted] should be interviewed. These file reviews, together with a similar heavy volume of mail being handled by Agent [redacted] prevented his dictating a reply to

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Pittsburgh until September 22. By this time the stenographic situation had been relieved and the stenographer was able to promptly transcribe the reply on the following work day, September 25, dated for the following day, September 26.

In addition to the foregoing facts reflecting the mechanical handling of these two communications, the following factors are set forth which have caused delays in handling requests from our field offices. Immediately following the Korean developments, numerous instructions were sent to the field requiring greater emphasis to be placed on the investigations of security matters. Included among the instructions was a definite broadening of the requirements of our Security Index which has resulted in a tremendous increase in the flow of mail in the Internal Security Section, particularly in the Security Index Unit. A recent tabulation reflects that from June to September 1950 there has been an increase in the volume of incoming communications of 2½ times over June 1950. In anticipation of this increase, additional personnel was requested. The increase, however, was greater than anticipated and it has become necessary to make additional requests for supervisory personnel to handle this tremendous increase of work. The Security Index is the heart of the Bureau's security program and it is imperative that all matters dealing with the Index be handled promptly since we never know from day to day when it might become necessary to effect apprehensions. It is observed that both of the Supervisors, Agents [] and [] who handled these communications are in the Security Index Unit and that the Supervisors who are handling this particular type of work have put in a great amount of overtime during the past three months in an effort to cope with the increased volume.

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This would indeed be bad planning. N.
In spite of the foregoing reasons set forth for this delay, the Supervisors involved realize that requests of this type must receive most expeditious attention and sincerely regret the delays in this instance. During the past three months the unusually large number of special and expeditious items which have come across the desks of the various Supervisors requiring immediate handling have necessitated delays in the handling of field correspondence. I feel that this situation has been and is being corrected so that there will be no recurrence of similar incidents. I shall continue to closely follow the personnel requirements to see that the necessary personnel is available to handle these matters promptly.

ACTION

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conclude by the above. N.*
This is submitted pursuant to your request.

ADDENDUM

Since the above was dictated we have received a teletype from the Pittsburgh Office reflecting that [] has been interviewed. [] stated he was shocked at his expulsion from the Communist Party, but he would not incriminate any other persons by discussing his former associations. [] showed no antagonism toward the interviewing Agents but in view of his lack of cooperativeness, no further contact with him is anticipated.

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October 4, 1950

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Bureau*
I believe that letters should be directed to Special Agents [] and [] for their delay in the handling of the two letters described therein.

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P. M. Ladd*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

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DATE: 10-11-50

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: [redacted] was.
Security Matter - C

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Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. Ladd to the Director dated October 3, 1950, answering the Director's inquiry as to the reasons for the delay in handling two Pittsburgh letters requesting authority to interview [redacted]. The Security Division had delayed the handling of Pittsburgh letters dated August 3, 1950, and September 6, 1950. The August 3 communication received in the Bureau August 10 was ultimately answered by Bureau letter of August 29, 1950. The September 6 communication from Pittsburgh received at the Bureau September 10 was answered by Bureau letter of September 26, 1950.

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With respect to the explanation set forth for the delay in handling Pittsburgh letter of August 3, 1950, the Director commented, "This had better be looked into both as to supervisory congestion and stenographic congestion." This matter is presently being looked into by Inspector Harbo who is presently conducting an inspection of the Security Division.

With respect to the delay in handling Pittsburgh letter of September 6, 1950, which was handled by SA [redacted] in the absence of SA [redacted] to whom the case was assigned the Director commented in answer to the explanation submitted, "This isn't clear. Hadn't [redacted] already reviewed the files and why couldn't [redacted] have called [redacted] by phone even if he was on leave?" In explanation Agent [redacted] advised that he felt it was incumbent upon him to personally review the main files on this matter since he did not feel he would be justified in relying on the recollection of Supervisor [redacted] or any other supervisor under the circumstances in forming his opinion as to whether or not the Pittsburgh Office should be granted or denied authority for any such interview. He also recalled that when he called for the [redacted] file the first Pittsburgh letter and the yellow were not in the file. The missing material was located and brought to his attention on September 21 and he dictated his reply to the Pittsburgh Office on the following day, September 22. Although [redacted] explanation explains why he did not call Supervisor [redacted] nevertheless, it is not felt it excuses the undue delay in replying to the Pittsburgh communication of September 6, and still indicates the lack of efficient operation in the section because of the duplication of effort which occurred in the review of the files.

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The Director instructed that letters should be directed to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] for their delay in the handling of the letters in this matter and to the supervisory staff for not

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spotting conditions and remedying them.

The Director commented with regard to this matter that the worst thing about it was that he had to ask for explanations as to delays and his principal criticism was directed to the fact that defects in administration were not being sensed and that steps were not being taken to correct those defects to prevent their recurrence.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF AGENTS [] AND [] PERSONNEL FILES ARE ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION

There are attached letters of censure addressed to SAs [] and []

There are also attached letters of censure addressed to Inspector A. H. Belmont, Inspector in Charge of the Security Division, and Mr. F. J. Baumgardner, Section Chief of the Internal Security Section, for the delays which occurred and for failing to recognize the undesirable conditions and to take immediate steps to correct them.

Attachments (6)

CC: Security Division Personnel File
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg

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H. J. Edwards
J. Ladd
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[Signature]

Handwritten: 7/16/50, 7/16/50, 7/16/50
September 15, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN

Handwritten: Security Division
ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

I have previously had occasion to call attention to the lack of initiative and aggressiveness in the handling of matters in the Security and Investigative Divisions and I regret the necessity to again have to comment upon this same situation.

Last Wednesday the Bureau very effectively handled an investigation into the interstate transportation of lottery tickets. I had previously indicated that whenever a good piece of work is accomplished we should be just as alert to commend our personnel as we are to criticize when there has been some mistake. In this particular case there was an added element involved, namely, the assistance of the Canadian authorities. Yet this afternoon I had not seen any letters or recommendations for commendations to be sent in this case and I therefore especially addressed and sent through a note to Mr. Ladd and Mr. Rosen inquiring as to whether there were to be any and if so why the delay. Late this afternoon I finally received the letters of commendation which certainly should have been written on the 13th instead of on the 15th. As I have indicated, I have repeatedly urged that these matters be given very prompt attention, yet in this instance Mr. Rosen completely disregarded my previous instructions and Mr. Ladd did not follow-up Mr. Rosen and see that my wishes in such matters were complied with.

Two other matters which have caused me to be concerned about the lethargy in the Security Division are the handling of the Displaced Persons Project and the so-called Fulbright Scholarships. When I was before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate last week questions were directed to me by a number of Senators concerning these two projects and the possibility of subversive elements getting into the country through the operation of these two projects. I directed inquiry be made to see exactly what was being done to safeguard our internal security from these two possibilities and I find that there were several very patent gaps in the handling of both of these projects which were not taken care of until inquiry was made by me.

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Clegg ☒
Mr. Glavin ☒
Mr. Ladd ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tracy ☒
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Miss Gandy ☒

I have repeatedly indicated that it should not be necessary for either Tolson or myself to have to spell out, like a - b - c, what should be done but that it is the responsibility of the Assistant Directors, and I believe it is reasonable for me to expect that they will upon their own initiative seek out any defects in

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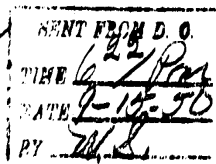
the handling of our responsibilities and take prompt and immediate steps to correct them. This is not being done. I am gravely concerned about it because I don't know how many other projects there are which may have similar gaps in them and which will not come to light until something goes wrong or until someone on the outside calls our attention to them and at the same time causes us embarrassment by them. I cannot too strongly emphasize that it is the function of Mr. Ladd and Mr. Belmont as well as Mr. Rosen to exert initiative and aggressiveness, and not merely function sometimes in the manner of automatons. It cannot be expected that I can personally follow-up and check each detail. I must rely for such supervision upon the ranking officials of this Bureau.

While I am addressing this memorandum principally to Mr. Ladd, Mr. Belmont and Mr. Rosen I desire that Mr. Tolson call this matter to the attention of all members of the Executives Conference because other Divisions of the Bureau while not quite as guilty of such lethargy have manifested some of it. I have in mind particularly the gross dereliction of Mr. Harbo, Mr. Clegg and Mr. Nichols in not seeing that the exhibits and tours of this Bureau were in proper shape. I have again previously emphasized the necessity for close supervision of this matter because our exhibits are being daily viewed by hundreds and yet when I had a check made a few days ago in anticipation of the visit of the President a deplorable condition was found in these exhibits due to the failure of Messrs. Harbo, Clegg and Nichols to properly supervise their respective branches in these exhibits. I want all of the ranking officials of the Bureau to very clearly understand that it should not be necessary to have such checks or inspections made by either my office or Mr. Tolson's Office, but each and everyone of us should be sufficiently interested in our work and responsive to our responsibilities to see that all matters are handled properly at all times.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: September 15, 1950.

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF INSPECTIONS -
FRONT OFFICE PERSONNEL, SECURITY DIVISION

Please be advised that in accordance with instructions the Training and Inspection Division has been informed that the inspections assigned to representatives of the Security Division will be carried out, as follows:

L. L. Laughlin	-	October 23, 1950
C. E. Hennrich	-	November 6, 1950
A. H. Belmont	-	December 4, 1950

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October 6, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Security Division
My attention has been called to the recent inadvertent transmission to the Veterans Administration Agency of unfinished Bureau memoranda which were designated for Bureau field offices.

Although it has not been definitely established as to how this material left the Bureau it is obvious that such a situation would not have occurred had appropriate action been taken to destroy the unfinished memoranda when they had been discarded.

Inasmuch as Miss [redacted], a stenographer in the Security Division, was responsible for failing to destroy the unfinished memoranda in this instance there is enclosed for your information and delivery to this employee a letter cautioning her in this respect. However, you should also immediately see to it that all employees under your supervision clearly understand that discarded material of a confidential nature must be completely destroyed to prevent a similar occurrence.

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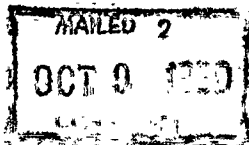
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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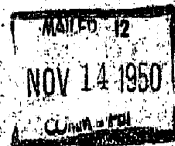
Mr. Alan E. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

After reviewing the information submitted by the Security Division with respect to the existing informant coverage upon the activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, I can reach no conclusion other than that this coverage was woefully lacking and that the Security Division failed in its responsibility to follow with the San Juan Division to make sure that adequate informants were developed.

The recent outbreak in Puerto Rico accompanied by the attempted assassination of the President of the United States points out clearly the serious results of such delinquencies. As Inspector in charge of the Security Division, it was your responsibility to make sure that proper informant coverage was developed and maintained and this you failed to do. I must insist that you take appropriate steps without delay to eliminate any other weaknesses which may exist and to insure that the Bureau will have adequate and timely knowledge of any activities harmful to the welfare of this Government.



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CC: Mr. Ladd (P & C)
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Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
 (COVERAGE)

DATE: November 7, 1950

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PURPOSE

To advise the extent of coverage by the San Juan and New York Offices of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico and the reason for the deficiency of this coverage; also the persons responsible at the Seat of Government for not properly supervising the development of sufficient coverage.

COVERAGE IN NEW YORK CITY

New York has one confidential informant on the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, [redacted] 102-70-5000

With regard to coverage in New York City, SAC Scheidt has advised that contact is maintained with [redacted] who is able to furnish information which he receives from individuals associated with the Nationalist Party. [redacted] is not a member of the Party but in connection with his position as [redacted] in New York City, he has developed good contacts with individuals among the Spanish-speaking element in New York City. This informant has been utilized by New York since 1943 and during the time when the Nationalist Party was very active in New York City submitted much information of value. New York has not utilized any technical or similar coverage of recent date due to the fact that during the entire life of the Nationalist Party the majority of the activity has been in Puerto Rico and the number of members in New York City has always been vastly inferior to the group in Puerto Rico.

Current developments don't justify this conclusion.
 According to SAC Scheidt, the period of the greatest activity of the Party in New York City was from 1943 to 1945 when the Nationalists sought to make martyrs of themselves by refusing to register for Selective Service. It is noted the file on the Nationalist Party for that time reveals numerous reports received by New York from [redacted], as well as considerable activity on behalf of the New York Office by Informant [redacted] (formerly [redacted]). [redacted] from 1943 to 1945 was used to advantage as an informant as he had close contact with [redacted] and [redacted] was discontinued as an

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informant in 1947 due to the decreased activity of members of the Party in New York City.

In addition, the informant records reveal two other informants were active for New York in the period 1943 and 1944. These informants were [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. [redacted] was discontinued due to poor health after being used as an informant for about three months. [redacted] was used as an informant for about six months from [redacted].

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During this period of activity, a technical surveillance was utilized on the Nationalist Party from June 18, 1943, on practically a continuous basis until October 15, 1945. On two occasions, once in 1943 and once in 1944, microphones surveillances were used to cover meetings in New York hotels. According to the New York Division, since 1945 activity of the Party has dwindled and following the departure of [redacted] to San Juan in 1947, there has been little activity of any note. This activity has been largely limited to the celebration of Puerto Rican national holidays.

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As mentioned previously the National Headquarters of the Party is located in Puerto Rico and no headquarters is in New York City nor does the organization have any publication in New York City. The monthly magazine, "Puerto Rico," was formerly published in New York City, but publication ceased in May of 1948.

Membership, according to the New York Office, since 1945 has been steadily declining to the point where it is believed that there are no more than a handful of active members and no information has been received by New York pertaining to meetings held in New York City. Indications point to the fact that the group in New York is so small and inactive that they in no way control or direct the policy making of the Party.

Did not relieve us from coverage nevertheless.
COVERAGE IN PUERTO RICO

SAC Schlenker has advised that coverage of the Nationalist Party is maintained through the use of six confidential informants, four of whom are regularly paid, [redacted], and the other is unpaid. In addition, [redacted]

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Two of the informants mentioned by SAC Schlenker,

[Redacted]

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REVIEW OF PUERTO RICAN COVERAGE

Under date of January 13, 1950.

[Redacted]

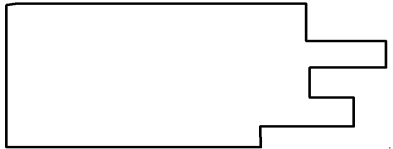
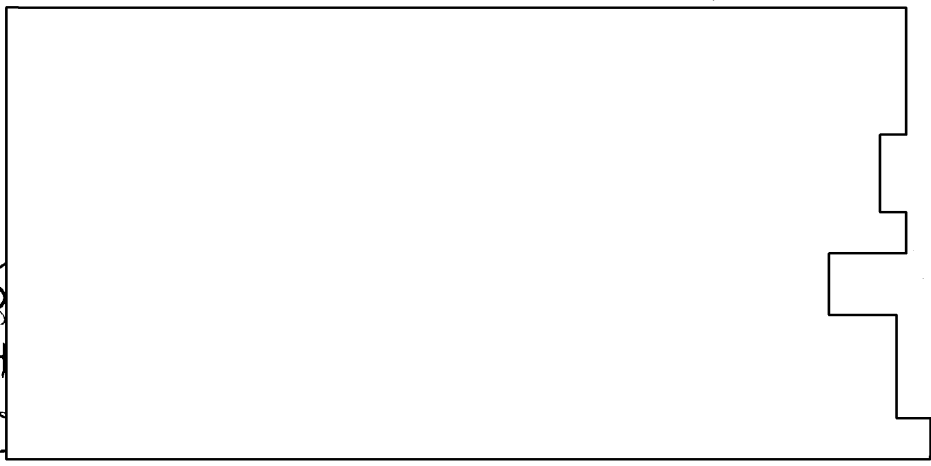
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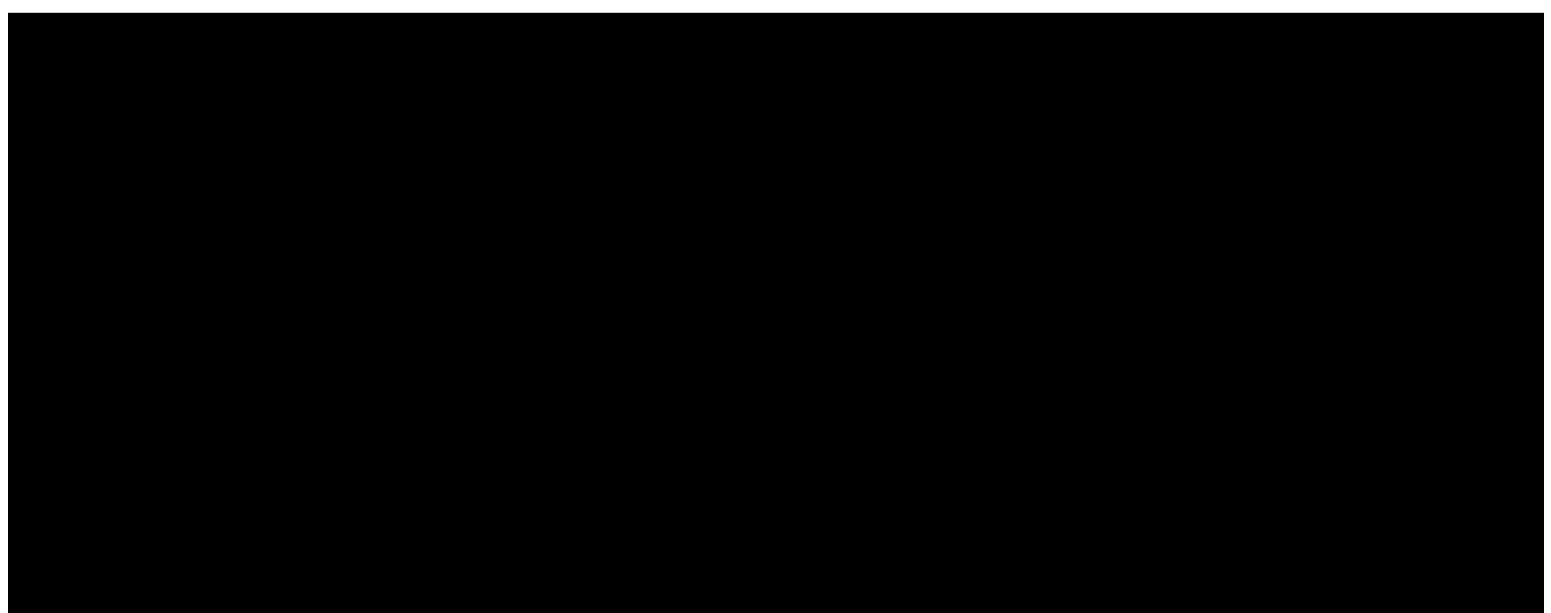
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In each of the above cases, approval was given by the Bureau to continue contacts with these individuals as possible informants on Nationalist matters and four of them have been developed to the point where approval was granted by the Bureau to begin payments.

Set me have the dates.

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Wanted, Mr. Lacliff to the Director, 1/10/50 sent him separately.



In response to your inquiry as to who is responsible at the Seat of Government for informant coverage by the New York and San Juan Offices, please be advised that the following are responsible:

A.H. | Mr. X Belmont, as head of the Security Division.
L.L. | Mr. X Laughlin, Number 1 man.
F.J. | Mr. X Baumgardner, Section Chief and Supervisor.
August | Mr. X [redacted], as Supervisor in charge of the investigation of the Nationalists.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that letters of censure be directed to the individuals named above as responsible for the lack of coverage in this matter, and also to Ladd.

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summary on Baumgardner
& Kayne as their usefulness
here may be at an end.

Kayne
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Letter to Messrs. Ladd, Belmont,
Laughlin, Baumgardner & Kayne,
11/13/50.

Perm. briefs on Baumgardner &
Kayne submitted

MC

Mr. Glavin

November 10, 1950

H. L. Edwards

**NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - R**

The following information is being submitted in response to the Director's inquiries made in connection with Mr. Ladd's memorandum of 11-7-50 which is attached and which dealt with a delay in handling an investigative report received from the San Juan Office entitled Rainundo Diaz Pacheco, was., Internal Security - R.

I.

Relative to the congestion on the Communist front desk, the Director asked why Mr. Belmont had not assigned supervisors from other parts of the Security Division to that desk.

Answer of Mr. Belmont

Mr. Belmont has submitted a memorandum in which he acknowledges that he should have done this. He points out that in the past the division has shifted supervisors from section to section whenever a need in a particular section became paramount. He noted at the present time 7 supervisors have been temporarily assigned to the Internal Security Section from the Correlation Section to work on Security Index cards. Mr. Belmont stated that he will watch this situation closely and wherever there appears to be a need to "balance the load" shifts will be made.

II.

The Director noted that he thought Mr. Baumgardner should be censured if he had not taken up the matter of this congestion with Mr. Belmont.

Answer of Mr. Belmont

Mr. Belmont has stated that Mr. Baumgardner did take up this congestion with him. He advised that since the start of the Korean situation there has been a very heavy influx of work into the Internal Security Section and he was in close contact with Mr. Baumgardner in order to keep the work current. On the desk in question much of the congestion arose from requests submitted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information regarding numerous Communist front organizations. During the latter part of September and early October approximately 20 requests of this nature which could be distributed to other supervisors in the Internal Security Section for handling were so distributed in order to relieve the congestion.

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III.

The Director asked where the report in question was between September 27, 1950 when it was block stamped in the Records Section and October 3, 1950 when it was stamped in the Internal Security Section.

Answer of the Records Section

The Records Section has advised that this report was received there for processing on 9-27-50 and was handled routinely. It was fully indexed and recorded and cleared the Records Section on the morning of 10-5-50 having been there for a total of 5 working days. The delinquency reports of this section at that time reflect that routine mail was taking from 2 to 6 days for processing.

The Records Section has been attempting to maintain its mail processing function in a current status; however, considerable difficulty has been experienced in view of other work pressures, particularly on Lane Checks. It was indicated that the Records Section will make every effort to handle all mail promptly in the immediate future.

IV.

The Director observed that Supervisor [] very obviously was not particularly interested in his work and ordered him transferred from the SO3.

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A letter ordering Agent [] on transfer to the Chicago Division is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

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In view of the fact that letters of censure are being directed to Messrs. Ladd, Belmont, Laughlin, Baumgardner and [] in connection with the matter of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, in accordance with the recommendations contained in a separate memorandum on this subject, it is recommended that no further action be taken as a result of the matters set out above.

CC: Security Division Personnel File ✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 31, 1950

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT: INSPECTIONS

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In accordance with your request, there follows a summary of the present inspection assignments.

I. Inspection assignments of those men assigned to the Training and Inspection Division:

T. E. Naughten
(only full time
field inspector)

Office to be
inspected

Cleveland *insp*
Newark *insp*
Anchorage *insp*
Honolulu *insp*
San Diego *insp*
Los Angeles *insp*
New York *insp*

Inspection
to begin
In progress

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B. C. Brown

St. Louis *insp*
Little Rock *insp*

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11/27/50

J. A. Carlson

Butte *insp*
Salt Lake City *insp*

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G. C. Gearty

Denver *insp*

In progress

H. B. Long

New Orleans *insp*
Houston *insp*

In progress
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F. H. McIntire

Dallas *insp*

11/20/50

II. Inspections assigned to other Bureau officials:

Assistant Directors

E. J. Connelley

Boston *insp*
Pittsburgh *insp*
Charlotte *insp*
Richmond *insp*
Knoxville *insp*

11/13/50

R. T. Harbo

Security Division *insp*
Washington Field *insp*

Report being prepared

A. Rosen

Norfolk *insp*

11/6/50

S. J. Tracy

Cincinnati *insp*

11/6/50

FHM/mr

Memo to Tolson 11/1/50 fhm/mr
Ltr to Inspectors checked above 11/2/50 fhm/mr
Ltr to Brown, Carlson,
Gearty & Long 11/2/50 fhm/mr

Inspectors

A. E. ~~X~~Belmont ✓

N. P. ~~X~~Callahan ✓

E. E. ~~X~~Hargett ✓

C. E. ~~X~~Hennrich ✓

L. L. ~~X~~Laughlin ✓

J. J. ~~X~~McGuire ✓

G. A. ~~X~~Nease

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RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

*The inspections listed
for those officials
whose names are
checked should
be canceled*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. R. GLAVIN *for*

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS *HLE*

SUBJECT: NAVAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

DATE: October 31, 1950

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Reference is made to the Director's routing slip of October 30, 1950, requesting a list of all members of the Executives Conference and the dates of their last Naval physical examination. The information is submitted herewith.

	<u>Date of last physical</u>	<u>Scheduled date for current physical</u>
D. M. Ladd	9-15-48 ✓	11-6-50
A. H. Belmont	5-18-49 ✓	11-6-50
H. H. Clegg	12-10-48 ✓	11-2-50
W. R. Glavin	6-28-49 ✓	10-31-50
R. T. Harbo	3-3-50	
J. P. Mohr	9-28-48 ✓	11-6-50
G. A. Nease	3-10-50	
L. B. Nichols	1-4-49 ✓	On return from annual leave
A. Rosen	3-3-50	
J. A. Sizoo	3-17-50	
S. J. Tracy	3-10-50	

As you know, the policy was changed on February 17, 1950, to provide Naval physical examinations on an annual basis rather than every two years as theretofore so far as concerns Agent personnel at the Seat of Government. This policy followed the death of former Special Agent Supervisor C. C. Nelson who was assigned to the Investigative Division when he passed away at his desk from a heart attack.

Every effort will be made to keep the Seat of Government personnel current on their Naval physicals. However, I do wish to point out that we are using the Naval facilities at Bethesda and Quantico practically to the limit of capacity in view of the heavy influx of New Agents Training Classes and also the fact that the Training Class has been cut down to six weeks duration. I have talked with the medical examiner at Bethesda in order to make arrangements for increasing the number of men who can be examined daily out there and we may have to revise the routine at Bethesda in order to provide for examining several more men each day. At the present time, however, we have been able to keep abreast of the Naval physical examinations for Trainees.

Glavin =
This has not been properly handled. Under the changed policy, Ladd, Belmont, Clegg, Glavin, Mohr, Nichols should have been examined early in 1950.

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D. M. Ladd & Glavin 10-31-50 JEC-1

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: BRUNO PONTECORVO
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: November 10, 1950

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Security Division

In accordance with the Director's request to Mr. Hennrich on November 9, there is attached hereto a copy of our memorandum to [redacted] dated July 10, 1950, in this matter. Memoranda from Section Chief Baumgardner and Section Chief Keay are likewise attached explaining their handling of the information in question.

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For your information, following the failure of [redacted] to cooperate with this Bureau in connection with the Fuchs case, I issued instructions to the Section Chiefs in this Division at Section Chiefs Conference to the effect that because of the failure of [redacted] to cooperate, no information was to be furnished to [redacted] unless the furnishing of such information would be to the benefit of this Bureau or the failure to furnish the information would result in embarrassment to us.

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In order to insure that the various Sections in the Division would be uniform in this respect, I designated Inspector Keay to review all material disseminated from this Division to [redacted]. Inspector Keay was instructed that wherever there was a question as to the propriety of furnishing information, he should take the matter up with me. It is my distinct recollection that on a number of occasions Mr. Keay did take up with me the question of whether certain information should be disseminated to [redacted] because it was not clear that benefit would accrue to us but it appeared that we would have a duty to furnish the information to [redacted] because of their prime responsibility in the matter. In each instance where it appeared that [redacted] should have this information despite their lack of cooperation, our policy was to furnish the information. Of course, in all instances after the communication was passed on by Mr. Keay it came through my office.

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The memorandum in question dated July 10, 1950, in this case was not discussed with me. It is the type of information that should have been furnished to [redacted] because of the information available to the Bureau indicating that possibly he was working at Harwell. Not to do so was a failure to apply properly the existing instructions and our failure in this respect is sincerely regretted.

Attachment
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RECORDS SECTION

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I have talked to Baumgardner, Keay, Moore and Reddy on this matter. I am unable to pin this down further. I believe each of these men has given the best of his recollection without an attempt to evade the issue. Reddy is of the impression that he discussed the inclusion of the State Department information with Baumgardner or Moore or both. Baumgardner and Moore recall discussing the case with Reddy and both were of the opinion that [redacted] should be put on notice but neither one recalls specific discussion of the State Department information when Reddy discussed the case with them. Both of these men are capable and intelligent and had the matter been an issue, I think they would have remembered. (U)

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Regardless, the fact remains that we should have furnished the information and did not. Therefore, I recommend that a letter of censure be sent to me as head of the Security Division.

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*Let to Belmonts
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November 17, 1950

~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

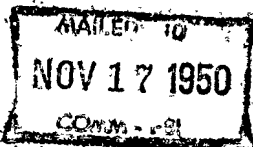
My attention has been called to the failure on the part of the Internal Security Section of your division to include in a memorandum dated July 10, 1950 which was prepared for transmittal to another agency pertinent information in connection with the matter involving Bruno Fontecorvo, Espionage - R.

As you have indicated the information in question certainly should have been included and the failure to do so was definitely contrary to existing instructions.

Omissions of this nature and the failure to properly carry out the responsibility expected of us cause me very deep concern and I must insist that much more thought and care be afforded such matters in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



CC: Mr. Ladd (Info)

JEE:dfs

A letter of censure was directed to Mr. Belmont on 11-13-50 because of the inadequate informant coverage of the San Juan Division and the failure of the Security Division to follow the matter properly. A further letter dated 11-16-50 was directed to Mr. Belmont because of the failure to relieve a congestion which existed on the desk of the supervisor handling the activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

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November 16, 1950

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED ON 9-23-91 1565 SDR/KSR

Dear Sir:

Upon consideration of the information submitted by you with respect to the congestion which existed on the desk of the supervisor handling the activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, it is clear to me that you were at fault in not having furnished relief to this man from other sections of your division. This failure was most serious and I cannot permit similar delinquencies to occur.

Therefore, you will be expected to exercise the necessary leadership to bring about the prompt and efficient fulfillment of the responsibilities of your division and also to take the necessary administrative action to relieve such instances of congestion as occurred in this matter. I am holding you personally responsible for carrying out these instructions promptly and without any lapse in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

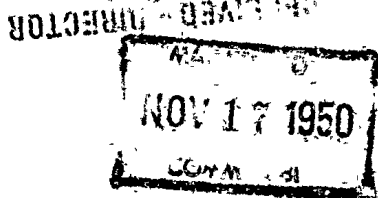
John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Mr. Ladd (CONFIDENTIAL)

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A letter of censure was directed to Mr. Belmont on 11-13-50 because of the inadequate informant coverage of the San Juan Division and the failure of the Security Division to follow the matter properly.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*
 SUBJECT: NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
 INTERNAL SECURITY - N

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Purpose:

Security Division
 To answer certain questions concerning the delinquency of the Communist front desk in the Internal Security Section raised by the Director in connection with Mr. Ladd's memorandum of November 7, 1950, which is attached.

Details:

not rec. per. recs.
 Relative to the congestion on the Communist front desk, the Director noted "I think Baumgardner should be censured if he did not take this congestion up with Belmont."

And J. Y.
 Please be advised that Mr. Baumgardner did take up this congestion with me. Since the start of the Korean situation there has been a very heavy influx of work into the Internal Security Section and I have been in close touch with Mr. Baumgardner in an effort to keep the work current. On the desk in question much of the congestion arose from requests submitted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information regarding numerous Communist front organizations. During the latter part of September and early October, approximately 20 requests of this nature which could be distributed to other Supervisors in the Internal Security Section for handling were so distributed for immediate handling *316 2-557-5361* the congestion.

The Director also inquired "Why didn't Belmont assign Supervisors from other parts of the Division?"

I should have done so. For your information, in the past we have shifted Supervisors from section to section whenever a need in a particular section becomes paramount. At the present time, 7 Supervisors have been transferred on temporary assignment to the Internal Security Section from the Correlation Section to work on Security Index Cards. I will watch this closely and wherever there appears to be a need to "balance the load" shifts will be made.

Attachment

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Memo to Glavin
11/10/50
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December 28, 1950

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have been advised of the courtesies you extended the Chief of the Investigative Unit of the Cuban Army, Major Clemente Gomez Sore, and his aide, Captain Orlando Garcia-Iglesia, while they were visiting the Bureau recently.

These officials were indeed im-
pressed with the helpful and understanding
manner in which you discussed general in-
ternal security and espionage matters with
them. I want you to know of my sincere ap-
preciation for your fine service.

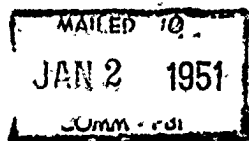
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Ladd (P & C)

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ALAN H. BELMONT

INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, SECURITY DIVISION

ENTERED ON DUTY: November 30, 1936

GRADE AND SALARY: GS-14, \$9,400

OFFICE PREFERENCE: No preference

[Handwritten signature]

INSPECTOR HARBO:

Mr. Belmont has been Inspector in Charge of the Security Division since February 27, 1950. He has a very good background for this assignment, having served for several years as ASAC in New York where he handled Security matters. Mr. Belmont is above average in appearance and personality. He is enthusiastic and a hard worker. He is an independent thinker and possesses good analytical ability. The general organization and administration of the Security Division was found to be good, and Mr. Belmont was quick to benefit from suggestions by the Inspector concerning items which could be improved.

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Inspection Report
Security Division
Inspector R. T. Harbo
November 17, 1950

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THE DIRECTOR

November 18, 1950

A. H. BELMONT

CONFERENCE OF SUPERVISORS -
SECURITY INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
November 18, 1950

This morning from 9:00 am to 9:50 am I discussed with all Supervisors of the Security Investigative Division certain problems which I told them I felt needed a complete airing. I told them that my discussion was directed to each one of them personally as part of the Security Division which is handling the most important work of the Bureau today. I advised them that it was apparent from some of the discussions among Supervisors that there was a failure to think clearly and sanely and that conclusions had been reached which showed an ignorance of the background which lay behind necessary decisions of the Bureau.

I told the Supervisors to clear their minds of any rumors, as I wanted to give them some facts.

First, with regard to the recent Semi-Annual Supervisors' Conference which ran for about three hours and twenty minutes, I told them this Conference was originally scheduled for two hours - from 4:30 to 6:30 pm; that some of the speakers apparently had been fascinated by the sound of their own voices, as a result of which they went over the scheduled time. In addition, it was necessary for Mr. Nichols to make certain unscheduled comments at the Conference. I told them that as a matter of fact you had been complained because the Conference lasted so long and had raised a definite question as to why the movie was not cut out when it was apparent the Conference was going too long. I advised them that my feeling that the Conference had been ordered for this length of time for disciplinary or other reasons was so much balderdash.

The Supervisors were advised that I wanted to give them the background on why it was necessary for every Supervisor to pitch in and pull his load at the present time. It was pointed out that as far back as July and August, with the additional work that was confronting the Bureau, such as the plant informant program, American Legion contact program, the broadening of our base for security investigations, the increase in espionage matters, and the over-all increase in our work, it became apparent that we should take steps to get ourselves in a position to handle the increased load. At that time you issued specific instructions that every possible effort be made to increase the personnel in the Bureau to handle the anticipated load. Immediate steps were taken, not only in the field but at the Seat of Government

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among the Supervisors to get additional personnel. When it became apparent that we could not increase our personnel from men trained in law, the requirements were changed to include college graduates and an intensive campaign has been and is being conducted to get additional personnel. I pointed out that we could, of course, fill the Bureau with riff-raff in a couple of weeks, but that neither the Supervisors nor anyone else wanted to lower standards of personnel by accepting individuals who did not have the personal qualifications to fill the job.

In spite of intensive efforts to increase our personnel, which are still going on, with new Agent classes starting every week, it was apparent that the responsibilities of the Bureau could not be met in this manner alone. Therefore, in September and October three Divisions that were most delinquent went on a six-day week, with the Supervisors working voluntarily on Saturdays. More recently, as the influx of work reflected that we could not meet our problem otherwise, you reluctantly agreed to a six-day week and that you had held off as long as you could.

I pointed out that even with the six-day week it was apparent on a factual basis that we had to take further steps. I pointed out that the great majority of the additional work confronting the Bureau arises right here in the Security Division; that security problems are responsible for the tremendous increase in work and many of the suggestions have come right from the Supervisors here in the Division because the Supervisors realize the absolute necessity for the Bureau to be in a position to handle its responsibilities. I pointed out that we are not taking on additional work for the fun of it or to establish a power record, but because under present world conditions it is absolutely essential that we prepare ourselves to handle the tremendous job we will have to do if the Detcom Program and Bureau war plans are put into effect on short notice. I pointed out that there wasn't a single Supervisor in the room who could say that we were ready to meet our responsibilities in full at a moment's notice and until we could say that, there wasn't a single Supervisor who did not want to dive in and do everything he possibly could to get us prepared. I pointed out that I did not have to tell Supervisors in the Security Division of those responsibilities since they were working on them everyday and knew what they were; that our responsibilities are absolutely vital to each Supervisor, to the Bureau, and to the country.

As to the matter of overtime, I pointed out that this is simply a matter of mathematics; that if we do not apply ourselves, we cannot hope to handle the work we are getting, and as individual

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Americans they must realize the absolute need to handle this work. I advised them that there was no rule and there never had been a rule that each Supervisor put in two hours a day or any other amount of time, but there certainly was a need to put in additional time in view of all the circumstances. I pointed out further that it was most definitely unjust for one Supervisor or one group of Supervisors to dig in and try to move their work by putting in additional time, while other Supervisors failed to do so. I advised that what you wanted was a sharing of the load and for every man to pull his equal share of the load. I told them frankly if we had men who did not feel this way about it and did not want to apply themselves, I wanted other men in here who would feel that way about it.

I told the Supervisors that I knew the great majority of them did not need any pep talk as they realized the need for the moves the Bureau had made, but I thought they should have this background in order to settle any questions in their minds. I told them that the worst thing that could happen to any man is to start feeling sorry for himself or to get into the frame of mind where he draws wrong conclusions without bothering to check into the facts.

I pointed out that reports coming in from the field offices indicated that the field offices were putting in considerable overtime to try to keep their work in shape. As examples, I pointed out that the average Agent in San Diego had put in two hours and forty minutes in September, and at Kansas City, two hours and thirty-three minutes, while the average Agent in New York, a large office, had put in well over an hour average in spite of transportation difficulties. I pointed out that assignment here at the Seat of Government is a preferred assignment and above all we have to carry our fair share of the load.

I then opened a discussion of questions, and in approximately twenty minutes answered any questions that were brought up by the various Supervisors on an informal basis.

There is no question in my mind that the response to this Conference was excellent and that it was very much worthwhile to let the Supervisors know the why and wherefores on some of these problems. I likewise am very sure that the Supervisors in the Security Division are going to do their utmost to meet the responsibilities with which we are faced.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11/2/50

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OVERTIME
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPERVISORS
September 1950

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There is attached a tabulation of the overtime performed at the Seat of Government by the various Supervisors during the month of September. This tabulation is broken down by divisions and by sections within the respective divisions. It also records the overtime performed by each of the Assistant Directors as well as the Special Agents supervising the respective sections in the various divisions. Briefly the overtime performed for all Supervisors at the Seat of Government as well as by divisions and by Assistant Directors is set forth as follows:

	Total Number of Agents	Daily Average Per Agent Based on 20 Working Days in Sept.	
		Hours	Minutes
Total All Divisions	334	1	14
Identification Division	6	2	17
S. J. Tracy		3	54
Training and Inspection Division			
The Assistant Director and Special Agents in this division do not sign in and out on their registers and therefore it is not possible to prepare an overtime report.			
Administrative Division	15	3	10
W. R. Glavin		3	45
Records and Communications Division	24	2	11
L. B. Nichols		4	51
Security Division	147	1	17
A. H. Belmont		4	15
Investigative Division	75		52
Alex Rosen			39
Laboratory	65		35
R. T. Harbo		3	39
Mr. Ladd's Office	2	3	13
D. M. Ladd		3	39

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In explanation of the foregoing it should be noted that during the month of September the clerical employees of the Identification Division were on a 6-day week and approximately one half of the 274 hours of overtime performed by the Supervisors in the Identification Division during the month of September was performed by Agent Supervisors working on Saturday.

The same situation is true with respect to the Supervisors assigned to the Records Section since the Records Section was also on a 6-day week. The Supervisors assigned to that section performed approximately 140 hours of overtime on Saturdays out of a total of 380 hours of voluntary overtime for the Records Section during the month of September.

Certain portions of the Administrative Division were placed on a 6-day week commencing September 16, 1950 and as a result a few Supervisors were required to work a full day on Saturdays thereby accumulating some overtime for that reason. However, the percentage of this overtime performed in the Administrative Division is small compared to the total overtime performed by the Supervisors of 1949 hours during the month of September.

It is noted that the Assistant Director and Special Agents of the Training and Inspection Division do not sign in and out on the registers in accordance with previous approval. This procedure was approved inasmuch as the Supervisors in the Training and Inspection Division report for duty in various buildings, such as the Identification Division Building and at Quantico, to furnish instruction before various classes and for that reason it was proposed and approved that they not be required to sign in and out on the registers. The practice in the Training and Inspection Division is for the Supervisors to call in in the morning and report their arrival and the register is simply checked without recording the actual time of arrival. The Supervisors are not required to sign out in the evening provided they leave after 5:30 p.m. nor are they required to call Mr. Clegg's Office.

I feel that the Supervisors in this division should be required to sign in and out on the registers in the same manner as Supervisors in other divisions. I think it should be a requirement that the Supervisor regardless of where he is when calling in to Mr. Clegg's Office reporting his presence should specifically state his exact time of arrival and that should be recorded on the register. Furthermore I think the Supervisor should be required to call in at night and report to the clerk on duty in Mr. Clegg's Office the fact that he is departing and his exact time of departure should be recorded on the register. If Mr. Clegg's Office closes before the Supervisor departs in the evening, he can report his departure the next morning when he calls in to report his arrival. In that way the registers in the Training and Inspection Division would accurately record the time of arrivals and departures for the Assistant Director and the Special

Agent Supervisors assigned to the Training and Inspection Division.

From a review of the attached report, it is very obvious that there is not an equitable distribution of the overtime performed in the various divisions and there is also an unequitable distribution of the overtime performed in the various sections within the divisions.

As an example, the Security Division Supervisors have been performing an average of 1 hour and 17 minutes per day overtime during the month of September, yet during the month of September the Supervisors in the Correlation-Liaison Section performed only 43 minutes overtime per working day while the Supervisors in the Loyalty Section have only been performing 33 minutes per day.

Also the Supervisors in the Investigative Division have been performing an average of 52 minutes per working day overtime, yet the Supervisors in the Criminal Section have been averaging 37 minutes per day. The Special Inquiry Section which handles applicant investigations has been performing 1 hour and 6 minutes per day.

The Laboratory has been putting in an average of 35 minutes per day overtime, the Document Section Supervisors putting in 24 minutes per day, the Physics-Chemistry Section 23 minutes per day and the Radio-Electrical Section putting in an average of 52 minutes per day.

Three Document Section Supervisors have been transferred.
The attached report also very definitely reflects that the Supervisors in the Administrative Division have been putting in an overwhelming amount of voluntary overtime as well as some of the Supervisors in the Records and Communications Division. *11-2*

I point out the foregoing particularly with respect to the Security Division where an additional six Supervisors have recently been ordered to the Internal Security Section in order to help with the work pending in that section, yet it is observed the 38 Supervisors assigned to that section put in 1 hour and 37 minutes overtime during the month of September. Recently additional Supervisors were ordered to the Loyalty Section to take care of the increased loyalty work yet the 22 Supervisors in that section were averaging 33 minutes overtime per day during the month of September.

Also additional Supervisors were ordered in to the Special Inquiry Section of the Investigative Division, which section handles applicant investigations, where 32 Supervisors during the month of September were averaging 1 hour and 6 minutes per working day and the total of 75 Supervisors for the entire division were only averaging 52 minutes per working day.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that this matter of unequitable distribution of overtime in the various divisions at the Seat of Government

on the part of the Special Agent Supervisors be discussed at the Executives Conference.

2. It is also recommended that the Training and Inspection Division be required effective immediately to have their Supervisors' hours of work recorded on the sign-in and sign-out registers. I think it is desirable to have the procedures uniform at the Seat of Government and I also think it is desirable to know the amount of overtime performed by the Supervisors in the Training and Inspection Division as well as the other divisions at the Seat of Government.

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I agree. In addition
I recommend such
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with reductions and
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I am making a survey
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Also see if some can
be taken from Security
+ Inv. Divs. H,

I approve
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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(1-1-50)

NAME BELMONT, Alan H. AGE 43 YEARS, 9 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) N. Y. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: Married NUMBER OF CHILDREN 1
FAMILY HISTORY Father and mother living and well.

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Usual childhood diseases. Kidney stone 1949. Kink in ureter 1939. Feels fine. No dysuria. No nocturia.

HEAD AND FACE neg. except see skin.

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) neg.

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/ 20, corrected to 20/

LT. 20/ 20, corrected to 20/

COLOR PERCEPTION Normal AOG

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS neg.

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15 /15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS neg.

NOSE neg.

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES neg.

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS neg.

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect):

MISSING TEETH As indicated

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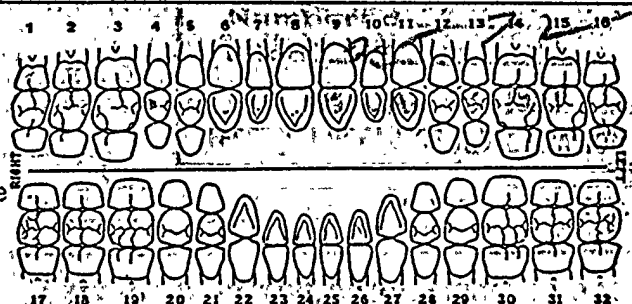
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DENTURES

REMARKS



P. A. Moore

(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE Medium sthenic

TEMPERATURE 70 CHEST AT EXPIRATION 41

HEIGHT 70 CHEST AT INSPIRATION 43

WEIGHT 137 CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 37

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE 15 lbs. (8 mons.)

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS neg. except for xanthoma mid-cutaneous mesial posterior of upper eye-

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) neg. lids (NGD)

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) neg.

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THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) neg.
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. neg.
Chest x-ray neg.

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM neg.
HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) neg.
ECG - normal

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE	80	BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC	128
AFTER EXERCISE	92	DIASTOLIC	78
THREE MINUTES AFTER	80		
CONDITION OF ARTERIES	OK	CHARACTER OF PULSE	ok
CONDITION OF VEINS	OK	HEMORRHOIDS	neg.

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) neg.

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM neg.
URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.016 ALB. neg. SUGAR neg. MICROSCOPICAL Rare squamous & WBC
VENEREAL DISEASE neg.

NERVOUS SYSTEM neg.
(organic or functional disorders)
ROMBERG neg. INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) neg.
REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL neg. DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) neg. TREMORS neg.
SEROLOGICAL TESTS Kahn-neg. BLOOD TYPE A1 Rh /
ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) neg.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION 10.7
TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES none
DATE OF LAST COURSE

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS See skin re xanthoma u ber eye-lids (NCD) AND DENTAL report.

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING Strong PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS Yes (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)
Req. Fasting Blood Sugar (.85 normal 11-28-50)

DATE OF EXAMINATION Nov. 6, 1950
EMPLOYEE'S INITIALS

C. F. Park
Cdr (MC) USN
12-12-50

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January 22, 1951

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$9400 per annum to \$9600 per annum in Grade GS 14, effective January 7, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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ON 9-23-91

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Dear Mr. Belmont:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on November 6, 1950.

This report reflects that you have no disqualifying physical defects. The electrocardiogram afforded you in this connection was within normal limits and the results of the Fasting Blood Sugar test were also normal.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

^{A.H. 0}
(Yesterday I saw Mr. Belmont who is in charge of the Security Division and discussed with him my concern over the very poor supervision of the Legal Attaches' work and the cases handled by this Bureau abroad, particularly referring to the situation which has developed in Paris through the poor judgment of Legal Attache West and the improper supervision of his work at the Seat of Government. [redacted])

[redacted] I discussed with him also the concern which I had over the failure of the Security Division to properly review various directives which are submitted to the Bureau for consideration by other agencies before being issued, having in mind particularly the recent directive which would force the Bureau to establish a courier system between the Seat of Government and the field offices for the transmission of top secret or classified material.) I told Mr. Belmont that I felt there had not been the proper care or attention given to the reviewing of these matters; that I wanted his staff to be particularly alert to see that there were no matters concurred in by the Bureau which were prejudicial to the Bureau's interests and operations. (S)

I also spoke to Mr. Belmont about the notification of [CIA] to the effect that we would discontinue investigating any of their personnel in the future. I told Mr. Belmont that as a matter of fact I had not yet reached a decision in this matter when I was informed by [General Smith,] in charge of [CIA] that our liaison representative had informed him that such a decision had been made. I told Mr. Belmont that I had inquired as to whether there was any reason why such a decision could not be made and I was awaiting word from Mr. Ladd, but apparently there had been some misunderstanding and the Liaison Section had been instructed to notify [General Smith] of that decision. I told Mr. Belmont that I thought the matter had been handled very crudely and very ineptly; that there was no reason to notify [CIA] of this decision until such time as [CIA] might request us to make any further investigations. (S)(U)

I also spoke to Mr. Belmont about the morale in the Security Division, advising him of the reports which I had received to the effect that some supervisors had been shopping around in [CIA] for positions because of the undesirable working conditions in the Bureau, but that these same supervisors were not content to work in [CIA] at the same salary and grade received in the FBI but desired a higher grade and salary which seemed to be somewhat incongruous. I told Mr. Belmont that I thought it was imperative that he insure we had a compact and enthusiastic

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working team in the Security Division and that any malcontents now in that division should certainly be spotted and eliminated.)

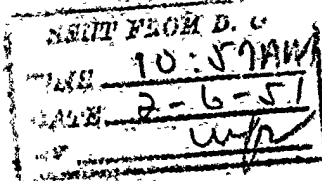
(I told Mr. Belmont also that I wanted to make certain that the Liaison Section representatives at the other governmental agencies were thoroughly alive at all times to the Bureau's interests.) I stated I felt the Liaison Section representatives had done an excellent job to date, but I wanted to be certain that the cordiality and sociability which were essential to our operations would not be accepted at face value, but that we must be constantly alert that certain agencies are not basically friendly to the Bureau and we must therefore be always alert to the protection of the Bureau's interests in all relations.

(I must say that after talking with Mr. Belmont I was not certain that I had made any impression upon him whatsoever. He is developing more and more this so-called "dead fish" reaction which is rather discouraging in talking to him.)

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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TO MR. LADD

DATE: January 29, 1951

FROM SA. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE HANDLING AND TRANSMISSION
OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

A. H. Belmont

Reference is made to memorandum dated January 20, 1951, to Mr. Ladd presenting comments concerning the effect on the Bureau of proposed Minimum Standards for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information within the Executive Branch of the Government. This memorandum states that the provision "Under no circumstances should 'top secret' material be transmitted by mail or by any means not specified in the preceding paragraph" would not materially affect the Bureau's operations, whereas by further analysis it does appear that the Bureau would have to change its procedures to handle the dissemination of top secret information to its field offices. Although the amount of top secret information sent to the field appears to be very little, this would represent a material difference in the Bureau's operations.

Special Agent E. S. Sanders, who prepared the memorandum of January 20, 1951, states as follows:

"The Bureau, from the beginning of the discussions concerning these minimum standards in 1947, has taken the position that the Bureau's system of handling and transmission of classified information has proved to be superior to that used by the Military Services which is basically the minimum standards approved by IGIS. The Department has been notified of this position on various occasions and the correspondence which has been exchanged with the Department concerning these minimum standards indicated, in my interpretation, that the Bureau would be exempted from compliance with the minimum standards on the basis that the Bureau's system more than meets the level of security required by these minimum standards.

"Based on this interpretation of the correspondence, I prepared various memoranda and letters to the Department."

Section Chief V. P. Keay, who read and approved this memorandum states:

"I read and approved the various letters and memoranda regarding the Bureau's approval of the proposed directive on the basis that the Department had exempted us from the operations of the directive, except in so far as we desired to comply. It is obvious that we should have required the Department to give specific approval for not following provisions of the directive materially.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

"affecting the Bureau's work, such as the necessity for transmitting of secret data via messenger-courier or should have objected specifically to their inclusion. I made an error in accepting the premise that we were generally exempted from the operation of the Directive and in not seeing to it that the memoranda to the Department were changed to cover this."

Mr. Laughlin and I likewise committed an error in approving this memorandum without realizing that the Bureau was not specifically exempted from the provision in question.

You may be sure that the personnel involved realize the necessity for accuracy and will make every effort to avoid a repetition of such errors.

ADDITIONAL: January 29, 1951

The effect that this regulation would have on the Bureau was obviously just missed. There is no excuse and I believe that Agents Saunders, Reay, Laughlin, Clement, and myself should receive letters of reprimand for this error.

D. M. Ladd

ADDITIONAL: January 29, 1951

I, too, missed the significance of the regulation in question and the statement made concerning it in the January 20th memo. There is no excuse for it. I should also be reprimanded.

J. A. Sizoo

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 1/10/51

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: INSPECTORS

Training and Inspection Division

Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated December 22, 1950, from Mr. H. L. Edwards to Mr. Glavin, which recommends that Special Agent Gerald C. Gearty of the Training and Inspection Division be reallocated to Grade GS-14, \$8800 per annum in view of the fact that Mr. Gearty is performing inspection duties in the Training and Inspection Division.

You inquired concerning how many Inspectors we have at the present time with their grade and salaries and their assignments. The following individuals carry the rating of Inspector and they are all in Grade GS-14:

A. H. Belmont	Security Division
N. P. Callahan	Administrative Division
G. C. Callan	Investigative Division
J. A. Carlson	Training and Inspection Division
J. S. Egan	Training and Inspection Division
V. P. Keay	Security Division
L. L. Laughlin	Security Division
H. B. Long	Training and Inspection Division
J. J. McGuire	Records and Communications Division
F. H. McIntire	Training and Inspection Division
K. R. McIntire	Training and Inspection Division
J. P. Mohr	Mr. Tolson's Office
T. E. Naughten	Training and Inspection Division
G. A. Nease	Director's Office
L. R. Pennington	Investigative Division
J. S. Rogers	Training and Inspection Division
Quinn Tamm	Identification Division

Of the foregoing, Messrs. Carlson, Long and Naughten are engaged in full-time inspection duties. Mr. Connelley also conducts some field inspections when he is not on special assignment. Mr. Harbo has also assisted the Training Division during the past calendar year in conducting some inspections.

Messrs. B. C. Brown and G. C. Gearty, both of whom are presently in Grade GS-13, are doing the same type of inspection work in the Training and Inspection Division as Messrs. Long and Carlson. As indicated in the attached memorandum, Mr. Gearty has now qualified as a full-time field Inspector and I feel he should be reallocated to Grade GS-14 at this time. The only other individual who will eventually qualify for promotion to this grade for inspection work is Mr. B. C. Brown and the

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Training and Inspection Division is presently giving consideration to his promotion in the near future after an opportunity has been given to review his most recent field inspection.

It will be observed, therefore, that the only two employees who will be involved in such a promotion program are Messrs. G. C. Gearty and B. C. Brown. Under the circumstances, I recommend that Mr. Gearty, who has now qualified as a full-time field Inspector, be reallocated at this time to Grade GS-14, \$8800 per annum.

I concur

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J. H. [Signature]

I am not going to apologize
any more for the fact that
individuals to be given such
a grade are willing & de-
sirable of traveling & willing
to accept full business of
Inspectors. If Gearty &
Brown so understand they
advise me. Also check should
be made with Carlson, Egan,
Long, J. H. McIntire, K. R.
McIntire, Monaghan & Rogers
to find out their attitudes.
We are getting bogged down
with GS-14 Inspectors who
are not available.

March 27, 1951

Mr. C. E. (wife)
PERSONAL

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

Miss Gandy has conveyed to me your message about your reaction to my testimony before the Kefauver Committee yesterday morning and I want you to know that I am indeed grateful for your comments. It was most kind of you to let me know how you felt.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1951



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

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The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Relationship Wife Date 2/20/51
Address 4235 South 36th St., Fairlington, Arlington, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Mrs. Loretta Belmont Relationship Wife Date 2/20/51
Address 4235 South 36th St., Fairlington, Arlington, Virginia

Very truly yours,

Clara Belmont
Special Agent

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February 16, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. MOHR
MR. GLAVIN
MR. NEASE
MR. BELMONT

A.H. Belmont

C.W. Stein

Guy H. H. H.

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge Stein of the Washington Field Office. I discussed with him a number of matters incident to the operation of the Washington Field Office.

I told him of my concern relative to the lack of discipline in that office as evidenced by the incident arising in his chief clerk's office where three employees assigned to night duty had been guilty of negligence and misconduct. I told him that this would seem to indicate a very bad sense of responsibility upon the part of the employees of the Washington Field Office. I told Mr. Stein that these men would, of course, be released from the service if the facts were as originally reported. I told him I was concerned also in this matter as to what the responsibilities were of the Agent Supervisor on night duty. I stated that I had assumed that the supervising agent on duty was in charge of the office at the time and it was his responsibility to see that no such misconduct as had been engaged in occurred. Apparently this matter has not been gone into and I want to know the identity of the night supervisor who was involved in this situation. Mr. Stein tells me now that he is having one man assigned permanently to night detail and he has explained to this man fully what his responsibilities are. This may correct the situation as to the future but I do not think we can ignore the fact that those who have served as night supervisors in the past have not met their responsibilities completely.

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I also spoke to Mr. Stein about what I considered a mishandling of the interview of the two Alcap brothers. I asked Mr. Stein if he knew who had conducted this interview and he did not, notwithstanding the fact that I had indicated on the memorandum authorizing the interview to be conducted that it should be conducted by two experienced agents. In this respect Mr. Belmont, when I queried him about it, did not know who had conducted the interview. This in itself would definitely indicate that Mr. Belmont and Mr. Stein pay practically no attention to the specific instructions which I issue. I told Mr. Stein that the report upon the interview would indicate that at least a portion of the interview was conducted of our agents by the Alcapo rather than our agents interviewing the Alcapo. I stated that this was uncalled for and humiliating. I pointed out that when we conduct

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an interview we should conduct it and not permit the subject of the interview to take it over.

I spoke to Mr. Stein about the delay in effecting the transfer of Special Agent Bellinger from the Washington Field Office to Cleveland and noted that it will take one month before we will be able to get this Agent to Cleveland. Mr. Stein informed me that the delay had been caused by the fact that this man has been in conversation with Mr. Mohr and Mr. Nease and that in addition this man has a family reunion coming up the latter part of this month in his home state of North or South Carolina which the Agent desired to attend, and that further this Agent is desirous of marrying some young lady in Washington, D. C. to whom he is engaged and which marriage will take place next Summer. I asked Mr. Stein how long it would take for this man to conclude his work and he told me one and one-half days, so it would appear that this entire Bureau has deferred to the desires and whims of this problem Agent. Mr. Stein told me that when he last talked to Mr. Bellinger and told him he should start to leave for Cleveland at the earliest possible date Mr. Bellinger said he would again take his case up with a higher Bureau official. Mr. Stein told me that he had contacted Mr. Mohr as to when this man should leave for Cleveland and Mr. Mohr approved the date fixed by the Agent which would be about the end of this month. Mr. Stein further advised me that he had not at any time been advised of the subject of the conversations which Mr. Bellinger had had with Mr. Mohr and Mr. Nease and therefore he did not know this Agent had become a personnel problem to the Bureau. I told Mr. Stein that in the future when an order is issued for a man's transfer I wanted him to effect the transfer at the earliest possible moment consistent with the best interests of the Bureau; that irrespective of whether the Agent contacted any other official in this Bureau unless he, Mr. Stein, receives word from Bureau headquarters to defer the transfer he should proceed in effecting it promptly. I told Mr. Stein that in the future I would see that any conversation which personnel of his office had with Bureau officials concerning their problems would be reported to him as we could not hold him responsible for the direction of the Washington Field Office without keeping him advised of various problems which might be brought to our attention by personnel assigned to his office.

I called Mr. Stein's attention to my concern about a number of applicants whom he had interviewed when he was Assistant SAC at New York and whom we have recently had to release from the service because of very bad personalities. I told Mr. Stein that he obviously had not properly evaluated these individuals and that it reflected upon his judgment.

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I inquired of Mr. Stein as to whether he had reached any decision upon the desirability of retaining Mr. Fletcher as the Assistant SAC of the Washington Field Office. Mr. Stein said that he had not and that he would like to have a little

more time to reach a decision upon which he could predicate a recommendation to me. He stated Mr. Fletcher had been working very hard. I told Mr. Stein that I wanted to receive his recommendation at an early date as I did not want to delay much longer in coming to my own decision in this matter. I told Mr. Stein that I frankly questioned whether Mr. Fletcher was the man to continue as Assistant SAC of the Washington Field Office in view of the conditions existent in that office which had to be charged to Mr. Hottel and to Mr. Fletcher. I stated that I had no question as to Mr. Fletcher's industry but that I did question his executive ability and that he impressed me as being an individual who is inclined to be too much of a good fellow, too soft, and too sympathetic with the problems of employees. I told Mr. Stein that I thought we needed as Assistant SAC in the Washington Field Office a man who would be firm and hard in administration, but absolutely fair. I stated that I wanted to have a happy medium; I did not want a martinet nor did I want a sob-sister. I told Mr. Stein that the Washington Field Office was the second largest office in the service and that I felt the Assistant SAC had to be of a caliber of executive who could run one of our larger field divisions. I pointed out the conditions which we found in the Washington Field Office which were absolutely deplorable, specifically mentioning the feuding that had existed in the stenographic section; the failure to properly inform the investigative personnel of the backlog existing so as to enlist the assistance of all Agents; the bad morale among some of the Special Agents; the lack of discipline in the chief clerk's office as evidenced by the three employees who were guilty of misconduct while assigned to night duty. I said that all of these incidents would certainly indicate that both Mr. Hottel and Mr. Fletcher had been totally lacking in executive ability and in the maintenance of proper discipline and morale.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: BELMONT, ALAN H.

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Where Assigned: FIVE SECURITY DIVISION
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: INSPECTOR IN CHARGE - SECURITY DIVISION

Rating Period: from April 27, 1950 to March 31, 1951

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

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Rated by: *[Signature]* Asst. to the Dir. 4-15-51
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Reviewed by: *[Signature]* *[Signature]* *[Signature]*
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: *[Signature]* Assistant Director, MAY 29 1951
Signature Title Date
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION. UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

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PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL

(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form No. FD-185)

INSPECTOR IN CHARGEName of Employee BELMONT, ALAN H.Title SECURITY DIVISIONRating Period: from 4-27-50 3-31-51**RATING GUIDE AND CHECK-LIST**

Note: Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. All employees in same salary grade should be compared. Rate items as follows:

- + Outstanding (exceeding excellent and deserving special commendation).
✓ Satisfactory (ranging from good to excellent but not sufficient to rate outstanding).
- Unsatisfactory.
○ No opportunity to appraise performance during rating period.

Guide for determining adjective rating:

An 'Outstanding' rating cannot be justified unless all elements rated are 'plus', and in addition, of course, supporting comments must comply with the requirements as set out below.

So far as 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory' ratings are concerned, it is impossible to provide a mechanical formula for computing the various 'plus', 'check', and 'minus' marks because such would presume equal weight for all elements rated. Good judgment must be exercised to insure that the adjective rating is reasonable in the light of the elements rated. All minus marks must be supported by narrative detail, and of course, all 'Unsatisfactory' ratings must comply with the requirements as set out below.

- ✓ (1) Personal appearance.
✓ (2) Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts.
+ (3) Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability and willingness to equitably share work load).
✓ (4) Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina).
✓ (5) Resourcefulness and ingenuity.
✓ (6) Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required.
✓ (7) Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions; ability to define objectives.
✓ (8) Initiative and the taking of appropriate action on own responsibility.
✓ (9) Planning ability and its application to the work.
✓ (10) Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail.
+ (11) Industry, including energetic consistent application to duties.
+ (12) Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control.
+ (13) Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and 'know how' of application.
✓ (14) Technical or mechanical skills.
✓ (15) Investigative ability and results:
✓ (a) Internal security cases
✓ (b) Criminal or general investigative cases
✓ (c) Fugitive cases
✓ (d) Applicant cases
✓ (e) Accounting cases
○ (16) Physical surveillance ability.

- ✓ (17) Firearms ability.
○ (18) Development of informants and sources of information.
✓ (19) Reporting ability:
○ (a) Investigative reports
○ (b) Summary reports
✓ (c) Memos, letters, wires
 (Consider: ○ conciseness; ○ clarity; ○ organization; ○ thoroughness; ○ accuracy; ○ adequacy and pertinency of leads; ○ administrative detail.)
○ (20) Performance as a witness.
✓ (21) Executive ability:
✓ (a) Leadership
✓ (b) Ability to handle personnel
✓ (c) Planning
✓ (d) Making decisions
✓ (e) Assignment of work
✓ (f) Training subordinates
✓ (g) Devising procedures
✓ (h) Emotional stability
✓ (i) Promoting high morale
✓ (j) Getting results
○ (22) Ability on raids and dangerous assignments:
○ (a) As leader
○ (b) As participant
✓ (23) Organizational interest, such as making of suggestions for improvement.
✓ (24) Ability to work under pressure.
○ (25) Miscellaneous. Specify and rate:

A. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, or as resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.): Security

B. Specify employee's most noteworthy special talents (such as investigator, desk man, research, instructor, speaker): Desk man. In charge of all security, loyalty and liaison activities of the Bureau.

C. (1) Is employee available for general assignment wherever needs of service require? Yes (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)
 (2) Is employee available for special assignment wherever needs of service require? Yes (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)

D. Has employee had any abnormal sick leave record during rating period? No (If so, explain in narrative comments.)

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY

Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

ALAN H. BELMONT
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
SECURITY DIVISION
GS-14 \$9600

Mr. Belmont has served during the rating period in charge of the Security Division in which capacity he has supervised the work of the field offices with reference to all internal security, espionage and related cases. He has a thorough knowledge of Bureau policy and procedure and is able to direct the activities of a large group of investigators. He is possessed of considerable administrative ability and exercises good judgment. He is thoroughly acquainted with the problems of the field as well as the policies and problems of the Seat of Government. Mr. Belmont has a sharp mind and is well equipped for further advancement and responsibilities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 3, 1951

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

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PER *Bed*

Very truly yours,

A. H. Belmont
A. H. Belmont, SA

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 26, 1951

6:15 am

Mr. Belmont came by to ask that Mr. Hoover be told that he had heard him this morning and he could not help but let him know how forceful and impressive he was, and what a deep impression was made on all of the Bureau personnel who had had an opportunity to hear him.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Alden _____
Mr. Belmont _____
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Mr. Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Mr. Belmont said it makes everyone proud to be a member of the FBI.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: July 20, 1951

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Mr. Tamm

Mr. Ladd

This is to advise that a son, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Belmont at 7:19, July 20, 1951. Mr. Belmont has advised that his wife and child are doing well. Mrs. Belmont is at George Washington University Hospital.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - - - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 15, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: RICHARD HARWOOD
 Aka Richard Harwood-Staderman,
 Richard Adolph Staderman
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

PURPOSE: To answer your request for an explanation for the delays in handling this case and to answer your specific questions as noted on memo from Mr. Belmont to me dated 5/9/51.

BACKGROUND: I. Concerning your question "Why did it take from December 13, to January 17 to get it going?"; CSC letter received Saturday 12/16/50; recorded and searched Records Section and returned Loyalty Section 12/20/50. Due to utilization one supervisor handling CSC requests on No. One Man desk, who had been transferred, and large increase receipt Loyalty Forms and CSC requests, review of material not completed and letter not dictated opening preliminary inquiry until 1/10/51. Receipt Loyalty Forms spiraled upwards to 70,000 per month. Sixty-two pages background material photostated, assembled and furnished to Field January 17, 1951.

II. Concerning your question "Why did it take from January 17 to April 4 to complete case?"; inquiry opened 1/17/51 investigation Cleveland, St. Louis, Cincinnati, WFO. Harwood, applicant, Wright-Patterson AFB, but employed Cleveland Ordnance District, Cleveland, Ohio. Ended 1/31/51. Determined Harwood asked to resign Cleveland Ordnance District 12/4/50 because he had no knowledge of job or personality required. Field discontinued inquiry on receipt this advice from Cleveland but reinstituted by Bureau 1/25/51 since still applicant. Field followed closely and final results from all offices except WFO received 2/9/51. WFO delayed as additional Loyalty Form received indicating employment by Navy but upon checking ascertained not so employed since job had been abolished. WFO results in 3/11/51. Eight page summary letter to CSC dictated 3/15. March 22, 1951, an additional Loyalty Form received from Army indicating employment that agency. CSC letter typed 3/22/51 but necessitated return to stenographer twice for correction and sent CSC April 4, 1951.

III. Regarding your question "Why did it take from April 4 to May 2 to so advise CSC?"; Navy Department Loyalty Form received Loyalty Section 3/9/51 and Army form received 3/22/51. Preliminary inquiry still pending at that time. The policy is not to return Forms until completion of inquiry since proper disposition of Forms not known until inquiry completed. Therefore, Army and Navy Loyalty Forms on Harwood placed in pending file awaiting completion inquiry. Usual policy is to return Loyalty Forms after letter to CSC setting forth results

inquiry has been approved. After such letter approved and forwarded to CSC notation is made on back of Loyalty Form referencing the letter to CSC and Forms are returned. In case of Harwood this inadvertent not done. It is not felt that the fact Loyalty Forms themselves not returned affected Harwood's clearance or non-clearance since result of Bureau's inquiry, upon which such clearance would necessarily have been based, had already been furnished CSC April 4. It is also significant that a number of persons indicated Harwood is possibly a psychopathic case and furnished information substantiating this. Additionally, Harwood was requested to resign employment with Cleveland Ordnance District for false statements as to qualifications and the Army, therefore, would have been on notice and in possession of facts to prevent them from hiring Harwood and on which one branch of the Army had asked him to resign. A detailed memorandum of the handling of this case is attached.

ACTION

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In view of the delay, it is recommended that a letter of censure be sent to Mr. C. H. Stanley, Chief of the Loyalty Section.

HOOVER'S NOTATION: "O.K. But here again Ladd and Belmont failed to take original action until I personally raised the questions." H

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 12, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JESSIE ROBISON
 Applicant - Personnel Operations Division
 Department of Commerce
 Washington, D. C.
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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 C.H. STANLEY

PURPOSE

In answer to your request, to inform you of the action taken during the preliminary inquiry and the subsequent request for [redacted] concerning the captioned individual.

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BACKGROUND

D.M. LADD

Reference is made to the memorandum regarding Robison from Mr. Belmont to me dated May 8, 1951, in which it was stated that Mr. Laughlin had discussed the pending loyalty investigation concerning Robison with Mr. Hoff, Administrative Assistant to Senator Magnuson of Washington, a copy of which is attached. You asked the following concerning the investigation: "Why did it take 3 months for us to complete a preliminary inquiry?" and "Just when did we receive request for full field investigation?"

A.H. BELMONT

The Civil Service Commission referred certain material concerning Robison to the Bureau for consideration under the Loyalty Program which was received in the Bureau December 8, 1950. This material was immediately forwarded the Records Section on December 8 for recording, searching and screening of available references. It was returned to the Loyalty Section for review and action on Saturday, December 16, 1950. The agent supervisor who initiated this investigation was usually assigned to the handling of Civil Service requests. However, during this period he was temporarily assigned to the duties of the Loyalty Section Number One Man due to the transfer of Mr. [redacted] to the Pittsburgh Division as Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

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The Civil Service material and Bureau references were reviewed and a preliminary inquiry was dictated on Saturday, January 10, 1951. This dictation was transcribed and the necessary photostatic material to be furnished to the field prepared and returned to the dictator for approval from the stenographer on Friday, January 12, 1951, dated for the following day, January 13. The case was sent to the field on January 13, 1951.

RNR:CHS:raw:jc

Attachment

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 CHS
 P. J. [unclear]

In answer to your second question, the request for a full field investigation was received from the Civil Service Commission by form letter dated April 9, 1951. Upon receipt of this letter the same was searched, the file requested and reviewed for the purpose of determining what action should be taken on the Commission's request, since we had previously conducted a preliminary inquiry, the results of which were in the possession of the Civil Service Commission. After such review, a letter to the Field initiating a full field investigation was dictated at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13. This letter was typed by the stenographer on Wednesday, April 18, dated April 20, 1951.

STATUS

A full field investigation is pending regarding Robison and the Field has been instructed to assign sufficient personnel to this case to complete it immediately and to expedite submission of reports.

ACTION AHB:LL

In view of the delay, it is recommended that a letter of censure be sent to Mr. C. H. Stanley, Chief of the Loyalty Section.

Letter of censure
to Mr. Stanley
5-19-51
FDH:pc

This was atrociously
handled. I add to
Belmont must get
out of this. Neither
of them noted these
shocking delinquencies
& I had to personally
call attention to them

H.

It is noted that from the date this material was received in the Loyalty Section from the Records Section, namely December 16, 1950, until dictated on January 6, 1951, there was a period of 13 working days. During the period November and December, 1950, there was a marked increase in the number of loyalty forms and referrals of loyalty cases from the Civil Service Commission as compared with the earlier part of the said year. It will be recalled that the receipt of loyalty forms spiraled to more than 70 thousand during this period and the receipt of Civil Service requests also materially increased. Therefore, it was not possible to reassign this particular case or add an additional supervisor to assist in the handling of Civil Service cases in view of the tremendous volume of loyalty forms being received.

A deadline of January 27, 1951, was set and the Boston and Washington Offices were requested to conduct appropriate inquiry. The Boston Office replied by letter dated January 20, 1951; however, the Washington Field Office did not reply until February 23, 1951. The Washington Field Office was requested by letter dated January 30, 1951, to submit the results of their inquiry immediately to which a reply was received indicating the Agent to whom the case was assigned was on Emergency Annual Leave. A subsequent follow-up letter was sent to the Washington Field Office and a reply was received indicating the case was RUC'd. It was necessary to write to the Washington Field Office for the date of their RUC letter as it had not been received in the Bureau. A teletype reply was received indicating the letter had been RUC'd February 23, 1951. The Washington Field Office letter reflecting the results of their preliminary inquiry was received in the Loyalty Section at 5:08 p.m., Saturday, February 24, 1951. Upon receipt of the results of the preliminary inquiry from the Washington Field Office, the same was reviewed along with material submitted by the Boston Office, as well as material in Bureau files and the CSC material, and a summary was prepared for transmittal to the Civil Service Commission. This summary was dictated at approximately 3:30 p.m. on February 27, 1951, to Stenographer Waymack. The summary to Civil Service was typed by the stenographer on the morning of March 9, 1951. However, the letter had to be returned to the stenographer by the supervisor for corrections. The letter was retyped on March 10, which was a Saturday, dated Monday, March 12, 1951. It is to be noted that Miss Waymack, at the time this letter was dictated to her, was a new inexperienced employee who had entered on duty on January 15, 1951.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 11, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: DR. BARBARA WILLIAMSON
SECURITY MATTER - C
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - A

SECURITY MATTER - C
E. E. RILEY

PURPOSE: On the memorandum from Mr. Stanley to Mr. Belmont dated May 9, 1951, captioned as above, reporting a telephonic inquiry received from Representative Monroe Minor Redden (D.-N.C.) you noted, "I note memo dated May 9, yet it doesn't reach me until almost noon on May 11, though Cong. wanted word on morning of 11th. Why delay? H." With respect to information in Bureau files concerning Dr. Williamson and the recommendation that the Charlotte Office is being instructed to make available to the Department of the Army this information, even though there had been no disloyal data of a substantive nature concerning her, Mr. Tolson noted, "OK, but why wasn't information previously sent to Army?" You noted, "I concur. H." There are set forth hereinafter the reasons for the delay and the reasons this information has not previously been made available to the Army.

D. M. Ladd

BACKGROUND: The telephone call from Representative Redden was received on the afternoon of May 9th. He made inquiry concerning Dr. Williamson who he said was an employee of the American Enka Corporation of Asheville, North Carolina, and about whom inquiry had been made by an FBI Agent about six months ago. The Representative stated that the American Enka Corporation was on a Vital Facilities List during World War II; however, he did not know whether it is so classified at the present time. He was informed that a check would be made into this matter.

A. H. BELMONT

Immediately following the receipt of this telephone call, a check of the Bureau indices was made and through elimination it was determined that Dr. Williamson had been the subject of an Atomic Energy investigation and an inquiry under the character Security Matter - C. These files were received on the night of May 9th, and a memorandum was then prepared. However, after the memorandum was typed and reviewed, certain corrections and revisions were necessary and the memorandum in its completed form was submitted on the evening of May 10.

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With reference to Mr. Tolson's question as to why this hadn't previously been furnished to the Army, you are advised that no information was available in the Bureau files indicating any subversive data relative to Barbara Williamson. All information in the Bureau files related to possible derogatory character information. In view of this it was not deemed advisable or necessary to furnish any information to Army authorities.

CHS:EER:hmm

RECORDS SECTION

ACTION: Pursuant to your approval of this action,
Representative Redden was telephonically contacted on May 11.
The Representative was deeply appreciative of this information
and was most cordial.

ADDENDUM - May 12, 1951

It is apparent that there was too much delay in the
handling of a matter of this nature involving a Congressional
inquiry.

It is suggested that a letter be directed to Supervisor
E. E. Riley with reference to his failure to recognize the
importance of this matter.

Yes. But again ✓
why didn't Daddy
Richmond spot this
instead of me having
to call J & A their attention.

D. M. Ladd

K.

Letter to SA Riley
5-19-51
FDH: P2

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, -
(Prosecution of Communist
functionaries under the
Smith Act)

DATE: April 19, 1951

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PURPOSE:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED #205,723
DATE 11/29/84 BY 8972DK/mg

To answer the two questions you raised in connection with the attached memorandum from Mr. Belmont to me dated April 17, 1951.

Question 1. "Why wasn't a memorandum (McInerney's) as important as this not called to my attention on receipt?" *CP*

The Security Division deemed it advisable to furnish the attached memorandum supplementing Mr. McInerney's incoming communication in order to explain the present status of the seventy seven individual investigations, and to present the Security Division's recommendation that the conference with the Department be held at an early date.

Question 2. "Why did it take so long to answer McInerney?"

Mr. McInerney's memorandum is dated April 2, 1951. The memorandum was received by the Bureau on April 6, 1951 and was first received in the Internal Security Section on April 9, 1951.

While it is realized that a period of time elapsed before the attached memorandum in final form was submitted, I desire to respectfully call to your attention the following factors reflecting the amount of preparation necessary in this connection.

In view of the importance of this matter, and to be certain that all of the seventy seven cases being considered for prosecution were in order, a recheck of the individual case files was made.

It was felt that this recheck was necessary to be certain that we are in a position to point out definitely to the Department at the proposed conference that the Bureau had done everything possible to investigate the individuals and make the results available to the Department and the United States Attorneys for prosecutive action.

You may be assured that in the future every effort will be made to expedite all memoranda which explain an incoming communication of similar importance.

Attachment
HOB:PLC:ev:ark

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In addition, the original of such memos will be sent to you upon receipt and we will retain a copy to work on.

ACTION:

We have called Mr. McInerney who has advised he will arrange the conference as soon as he can.

The results of this conference will be brought to your attention promptly.

ADDENDUM - April 20, 1951

Regardless of the above, the existing instructions are that such a memorandum should be immediately referred to the Director's Office. A copy of the incoming from the Department could have been kept for the purpose of working out the problem. There appears to be no excuse as to why the original was not immediately sent to the Director's office. It is suggested that a letter be directed to Mr. Belmont of the Security Division so advising him.

D. M. Ladd

My instructions are so frequently disregarded that I am getting rather callous.

*Let. to Mr. Belmont
4/24/51 JOC*

~~APR 30 1951~~
JCS

April 24, 1951

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Room 1742
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that a recent communication received from the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was not brought to my attention by your Division until ten days after its receipt in your Division. I have noted your explanation to the effect that you considered it advisable to have a check made concerning a number of Bureau investigations referred to in the incoming letter before referring the matter to me, but I cannot agree with your conclusion.

This matter was obviously of such importance that you should have required the desirability of my learning of it without delay, and in the future I will expect you to exercise more considered judgment in such matters.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ON 9-23-91

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July 20, 1951

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
4235 South 36th Street
Fairlington
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Belmont: . .

I was delighted to hear of the arrival of your little son. I know how proud and fortunate you must feel, and I want to be among those to express to Mr. Belmont and to you my sincerest congratulations on this occasion.

May the future hold an abundance of pleasure for your little boy, among which will be all the things your hearts desire for him.

Sincerely,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover

W. L. R. by the Director

Mr. Belmont's Office advised that the baby boy was born at 7:19 a.m. this morning (7-20-51). He weighs 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: LOSS OF SURVEILLANCE IN NEW YORK
OF MRS. ROBERT KLONSKY, AUGUST 4, 1951

1.5. Inglewood, Calif.

DATE: August 14, 1951

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In answer to the inquiry as to why I did not request an immediate explanation from the New York Division concerning the loss of the above surveillance, please be advised that this was overlooked temporarily due to the volume of matters which were being handled in connection with the Smith Act cases. As you are aware, a letter was sent to SAC Scheidt on this surveillance on August 13, censuring the New York Office for the loss of the surveillance.

I have instructed that whenever a surveillance is lost in these cases, an immediate explanation must be secured and appropriate recommendations made in connection therewith.

I regret that I did not take action more rapidly in instant case.

AHB:LL

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August 15, 1951

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Mr. Alan M. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY 1565 SDP/SLC
ON 9-23-91

Dear Sir:

**Security Division*

My attention has been directed to the fact that you learned recently of the fact that Agents assigned to the New York Division had lost the surveillance of Mrs. Robert Elonsky, and you failed to immediately secure the full facts of the matter and to submit an appropriate recommendation concerning administrative action. In view of the importance of this investigation, I am at a loss to understand the dilatory manner in which this situation was handled by you.

I shall expect you to give immediate personal attention to such matters in the future to insure their being followed through to a logical conclusion without delay. I do not intend to permit such delays to recur, and any further such failure on your part will result in more severe administrative action.

Very truly yours,

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(s) J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: Mr. Ladd (Personal & Confidential)

Domestic Intelligence Division Personnel File

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 14, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: LOSS OF SURVEILLANCE IN NEW YORK
OF MRS. ROBERT KLONSKY, 8-4-51

I regret that I did not more promptly secure the facts concerning the loss of Mrs. Klonsky. It was my intention, as soon as the detailed memorandum was received from the Security Division, together with the letter of censure to Mr. Scheidt, to forward this to you for your information. This has now been submitted.

I was derelict in not having pressed to get this out more promptly. In view thereof I recommend that a letter of censure be directed to Mr. Belmont and one to me.

TOLSON'S NOTATION: "CENSURE LADD & BELMONT."

DM:CSH

32 AUG 30 1951

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CC-270
(1-1-50)

NAME BELMONT, Alan H. AGE 44 YEARS; 7 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) N. Y. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED, married NUMBER OF CHILDREN 2
FAMILY HISTORY Both parents living and well.
Sister - age 13 cause

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Usual childhood diseases
Tonsils - age 10
Kidney stone 1949. Twisted ureter 1940.

HEAD AND FACE N

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) N

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/20, corrected to 20/

LT. 20/20, corrected to 20/

COLOR PERCEPTION AOCO 1940 Normal

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS none

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS None

NOSE N

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES N

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS N

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect): ---

MISSING TEETH #2, 7, 9, 26, 30

NONVITAL TEETH ---

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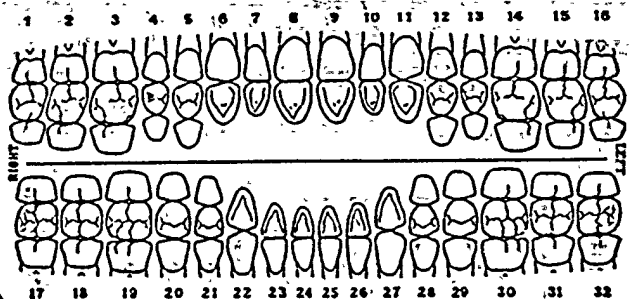
MARKED MALOCCLUSION ---

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TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES ---

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S. A. Grady LCDR DC USN

(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE heavy 67- 941 29-277

TEMPERATURE 99.4 CHEST AT EXPIRATION 40

HEIGHT 69 1/2 CHEST AT INSPIRATION 42

WEIGHT 183 CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 36 1/2

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE None

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS N

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) N

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) N

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He. S. Grady

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THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) N
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. N
Chest x-ray - neg. N
CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM N
HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) N
ECG-Normal
PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 88 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 124
AFTER EXERCISE 106 DIASTOLIC 70
THREE MINUTES AFTER 84
CONDITION OF ARTERIES good CHARACTER OF PULSE full
CONDITION OF VEINS good HEMORRHOIDS none
ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) N
GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM N
URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.009 ALB. N SUGAR N MICROSCOPICAL N
VENEREAL DISEASE
NERVOUS SYSTEM N
(organic or functional disorders)
ROMBERG neg. INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) none
REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL --- DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) --- TREMORS none
SEROLOGICAL TESTS Kahn neg. BLOOD TYPE "A1" Rh +
ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries)
SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION
TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES
DATE OF LAST COURSE
REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE
SUMMARY OF DEFECTS No serious abnormalities to P. E.
CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING strenuous PHYSICAL EXERTION
IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS Yes (yes or no)
(when no is given, state cause)
FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary)
DATE OF EXAMINATION 9/7/51 s/L.W. Brady
EMPLOYEE'S INITIALS

September 15, 1951

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on September 7, 1951.

This report is essentially negative for any disqualifying physical defects and the electrocardiogram afforded you in this connection was found to be normal.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital reports that you are capable of strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC-Mr. Ladd (P & C)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: June 22, 1951

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES
IN THE NEW YORK AREA UNDER THE SMITH ACT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

I called SAC Scheidt at New York today to express to him the Director's thorough disgust with the manner in which the New York Office has handled this case, particularly as to the lack of over-all planning which resulted in the failure to apprehend four of the 21 subjects. I advised Mr. Scheidt that as this matter came to a head it was apparent that the New York Office should have increased its coverage on the subjects to be sure that their whereabouts were known. If spot checks were sufficient to furnish this information, the spot checks were certainly not properly applied by the New York Office.

Mr. Scheidt was advised that when it was realized that four of the subjects could not be located on the morning of June 20, immediate steps should have been taken to eliminate their names from the indictment being returned that morning. Of course, steps could be taken to have their names included in a superseding indictment.

I advised Mr. Scheidt that the Director wanted him to know that he considered this matter to have been handled in an atrocious, inept manner by the New York Office.

Mr. Scheidt was advised that, of course, in view of the failure in over-all planning there would be no commendatory letter to the New York Office. However, if any of the individual Agents performed in an excellent manner in handling their individual phase of the case, the Bureau desired to have the recommendations of Mr. Scheidt this afternoon in order that their work could be recognized. Mr. Scheidt called back to advise he had no recommendations in this regard. 10:00

Mr. Scheidt was further advised that the Bureau is holding off on the issuing of wanted flyers for the four missing persons until Monday, June 25, and at that time if there are no strong indications of immediate apprehension of the subjects we anticipate putting out wanted flyers.

Attached hereto is a letter to Mr. Scheidt expressing disapproval of the New York Office's handling of this matter.

Attachment

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Director's Notation:

Well handled by Belmont

September 26, 1951

Mr. Alan F. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

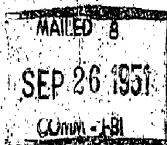
Dear Belmont:

My attention has been called to your splendid participation in the recent two-day indoctrination course held at the Bureau in connection with an extremely important Internal Security matter.

The successful handling of the particular conference was accomplished through the very thorough and intelligent way in which you outlined the purpose and objectives of this project. I feel that you discharged your responsibilities in a most commendable fashion and I want you to know of my sincere personal appreciation for your fine services on this occasion.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 20, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
(Development of Top-Level
Security Informants)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.
(Bufile 100-3-99)

In accordance with your approval, a two-day indoctrination course for ten specially selected Special Agents was held at the Bureau on September 17 and 18, 1951, preparatory to interviewing high-level Communists as potential confidential informants. These ten Agents were selected as follows: New York - 4; Chicago - 2; Detroit - 2; Los Angeles - 2. This course was held as scheduled and the selected Special Agents were thoroughly apprised of the aims and purposes of this program.

An approved agenda was followed, which included a frank and open discussion of the many problems involved. These problems included the manner of selection of subjects to be contacted, the preliminary work necessary in obtaining complete and full information concerning the subjects' life history together with the manner of approach, matter of payment and obtaining Bureau authorization prior to actual interview.

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Mr. E. R. McIntire of the Training and Inspection Division attended the two-day course. Several times during this two-day period he actively participated in the discussions and offered helpful suggestions.

There is attached herewith a memorandum which sets forth in more detail the actual results of this two-day conference together with a letter directed to the four offices involved, furnishing necessary instructions in this regard for your approval.

Attachment

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Letter sent to
A-4 Belmont, F.B.I. (in regard to)
W.C. Sullivan, H. O'Connell
FBI, Detroit & J.D.
X-100-9-26-51
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OK. This was particularly timely & well handled by D.L. Dine. Command Belmont & Supervisors participation.

H. Zoffman
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Prepared by
Checked by
Filed by:

October 1, 1951

Mr. Alan E. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

It is indeed a pleasure to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from the position of Inspector, \$9600 per annum in Grade GS 14, to the position of Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division, \$10,000 per annum in Grade GS 15, effective September 30, 1951. In accordance with Public Law #843, approved September 27, 1950, this promotion is temporary.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

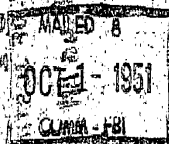
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cc-Mr. Ladd (Personal Attention)
cc-Mr. J. E. Edwards
cc-Movement Section

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NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR. - MISS - MRS. - FIRST - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST) MR. ALAN H. BELMONT MR. ALAN H. BELMONT		2. DATE OF BIRTH 07 1-23-21	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO. F. B. I. 9241 524	4. DATE 9-22-51
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) PROMOTION AND RECLASSIFICATION (CONNECTION)		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 9-22-51	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY Schedule A Part 6.103 (B)	
FROM		TO		
Inspector GS 14 \$9,600 per annum		8. POSITION TITLE Asst. Director	GS 15 \$10,000 per annum	
		9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY		
		10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	Div. Five Domestic Intelligence D. C.	
		11. HEADQUARTERS		
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15. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	16. RACE <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> O	17. APPROPRIATION S. & E., FBI FROM: TO: 1000	18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO) yes	19. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY) 9-22-51
20. LEGAL RESIDENCE VA.				
REMARKS This corrects notification 10321 dated 9-22-51 to indicate the salary is "FBI" column or above instead of \$9,600 per annum and the nature of action to read Promotion and Transfer. The provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 and/or the Selective Service Extension Act of 1950 have been complied with. <div style="text-align: right;">DOCT 12 1951 5-20-51 VI</div>				
SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION				

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064

Prepared by: *[Signature]*
Checked by: *[Signature]*
Filed by: *[Signature]*

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR. - MISS - MRS. - FIRST (MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST) MR. ALAN H. BELMONT MR. ALAN H. BELMONT		2. DATE OF BIRTH 1-20-07	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO. F. B. I. 8381 8381	4. DATE 9-29-51
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) Promotion		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 9-30-51	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY Schedule A Part 6.100 (E)	
FROM		TO		
Inspector GS 14 \$9,400 per annum		8. POSITION TITLE Assistant Director	GS 15 \$10,000 per annum	
		9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY		
		10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS Div. Five Domestic Intelligence D. C.		
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15. SEX X	16. RACE	17. APPROPRIATION S. & E., FBI FROM: TO: DOMESTIC	18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO) YES	19. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)
			20. LEGAL RESIDENCE Virginia	
REMARKS The provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 and/or the Selective Service Extension Act of 1950 have been complied with. This promotion is temporary in accordance with Public Law 5343, approved 9-27-50. <div style="text-align: right;">79 OCT 10 1951 <i>[Signature]</i> <i>[Signature]</i></div> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> <i>[Signature]</i></div>				
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Alan H. Belmont

Desire Belmont

to be designated

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See Me _____
Note and Return _____
For Your Recommendation _____
What are the facts? _____
Remarks:

adv. promotion
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *✓*

DATE: October 6, 1951

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *0*

SUBJECT:

Alan H. Belmont

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For record purposes, I am attaching a copy of a statement which was given out Saturday, October 6, to the Times-Herald, Washington Post, Star, Associated Press, United Press and International News Service. It was not given to the Washington News since they close at noon on Saturdays.

In each instance, I called the papers and the wire services and advised them of the statement. I also furnished them a copy of Mr. Belmont's photograph.

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 Attachment

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October 6, 1951

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced the designation of Alan H. Belmont as Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division of the FBI. Mr. Belmont was originally assigned as Inspector in Charge of this Division in early 1950.

Mr. Belmont was appointed a Special Agent on November 30, 1936, and after completing his training was assigned to field offices in Birmingham, Alabama and Chicago, Illinois. From June of 1938 until January of 1941, Mr. Belmont was assigned to the headquarters staff of the FBI in Washington. He was assigned as a supervisor in the New York Office on January 28, 1941; Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, on July 6, 1942; Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, on January 15, 1943; Assistant Special Agent in Charge, New York City, on July 8, 1944, and was transferred to the Washington headquarters of the FBI on February 27, 1950, as an Inspector.

Mr. Belmont was born in New York City on January 22, 1907. He moved to San Diego, California, where he was graduated from the San Diego High School in 1926, and then received his A. B. degree from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in 1931. Mr. Belmont is an accountant by profession.

Mr. Belmont is married and has two children.

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FBI CAREER MAN GETS PROMOTION TO CAPITAL JOB

A. H. Belmont Joined Agency in '36

Alan H. Belmont has been named assistant director in charge of the domestic intelligence division of the federal bureau of investigation here.



A native of New York, Belmont was appointed a special agent of the bureau in 1936, and he worked in Birmingham, Ala., Chicago, and Washington, until appointed a supervisor in the New York office in 1941.

A. H. Belmont. In the last 10 years he has held the post of assistant special agent in charge in Chicago and New York and special agent in charge in Cincinnati. In February, 1950, he was transferred to the Washington headquarters as an inspector. He is a graduate of San Diego (Calif.) high school and Stanford university, where he received his A.B. degree. An accountant by profession, he is married, has two children, and lives at 4235 S. Thirty-sixth St., Arlington.

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Alan H. Belmont Promoted by FBI

Alan H. Belmont was named yesterday by Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as assistant director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division.

Mr. Belmont has been an inspector in the Washington headquarters of the FBI since February 27, 1950.



Born in New York City, January 22, 1907, Mr. Belmont moved to San Diego, Calif., was graduated from high school there in 1926 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., in 1931. He is an accountant by profession.

He became a special agent in the FBI November 30, 1936, and served in Birmingham, Ala., and Chicago, Ill. From June, 1938, to January, 1941, Mr. Belmont was assigned to the headquarters staff here.

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Personal Unit

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October 22, 1951

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

I am very happy to advise you that the President has approved this Bureau's Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year 1952 wherein authority was granted for the establishment of certain super-grade positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In conformity with the authority granted to me under the above-mentioned Appropriation Bill I take pleasure in advising you that you are being placed in Grade GS 17 as Assistant Director with salary of \$12,200 per annum, effective October 22, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064STANDARD FORM 50
UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1946

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Prepared by: *sc*
Checked by: *sc*
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1. NAME (MR. - MISS - MRS. - FIRST - MIDDLE/INITIAL - LAST) MR. ALAN H. BECHMONT MR. ALAN H. ELMORE		2. DATE OF BIRTH 1-22-07	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO. F. B. I. 10115 10115	4. DATE 10-02-51
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) PROMOTION		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 10-02-51	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY Schedule A Part 6.103 (E)	
FROM		TO		
Assistant Director GS 15 C02 \$459 \$10,000 per annum Division Five Domestic Intelligence D. C.		8. POSITION TITLE 9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY 10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS 11. HEADQUARTERS	Assistant Director GS 17 \$12,200 per annum Division Five Domestic Intelligence D. C.	
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		20. LEGAL RESIDENCE Virginia		
<p><i>Effective 3-13-55 basis for this position is now Public Law #84, #94, 84th Congress. J. W. A. G. T.</i></p> <p>79 OCT 30 1951</p> <p>REMARKS</p> <p>This action is pursuant to Public Law #103 approved 10-02-51, 1st Session, 82nd Congress. Also refer to Senate Report #697 dated 8-21-51 accompanying H. R. 4740.</p> <p>The provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 and/or the Selective Service Extension Act of 1950 have been complied with.</p> <p><i>Prom. changed to perm. action eff. 9-11-54 - PL 763</i></p> <p>NOT RECORDED</p> <p>SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION</p>				

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November 14, 1951

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Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

Some very laudatory comments have been brought to my attention regarding the highly efficient and businesslike manner in which you have been conducting Security Conferences.

Particular reference is made to the conference held on November 5 and 6, 1951, which you reportedly conducted in a very splendid fashion. I have been advised that these conferences have been enthusiastically received and helped to bring about a much better understanding between the Bureau and the Field. Such conferences would not be successful without able leadership and the praiseworthy comments received clearly indicate that you have conducted them in an excellent manner.

I therefore want to personally commend you for the fine way in which you have handled this very vital phase of your official duties.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Ladd (EOC) (H) AUK
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. CLEGG
 FROM : K. R. McINTIRE
 SUBJECT: SECURITY CONFERENCE

DATE: 11/8/51

Domestic Intelligence Div.

A. H. Belmont

On November 5 and 6, 1951, Mr. Belmont and Staff conducted another splendid Security Conference. Many comments were made to me by the SACs present and others concerning the efficient and business-like manner in which Mr. Belmont conducts a conference. There was a free flow of ideas as well as an uninterrupted exchange of views. The conference was stimulating and served a very valuable purpose in the minds of all present. All were agreed that such conferences should be continued on a periodical basis.

It was very evident that conferences of this kind solidified the thinking on the part of the field as well as the Seat of Government. Problems which might otherwise remain undisclosed are brought into the open and thoroughly discussed. Such conferences offer a fine opportunity for the Bureau to make clear to the field the basic reason for its position on a variety of matters and at the same time provides an opportunity for the field representatives to suggest amendments in official thinking.

This is a very healthy situation and was so recognized by all personnel attending the conference. I noted particularly the animation and enthusiasm which seemed to grip all of those in attendance as a result of the discussions. There is good reason to believe that all, in returning to the field, will transmit this enthusiasm and eagerness to those under their supervision. This was the result of the previous conference which was held a few weeks ago. It was disclosed that they returned to their respective offices charged with a determination to carry out the wishes of the Bureau. They were successful in conveying this same feeling to other representatives of their offices.

In my judgment a good deal of credit is due Mr. Belmont for his ability to inject that kind of spirit into those who attend such conferences.

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Excellent. Belmont
 is to be commended

H.

K. R. McINTIRE

11/14/51

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THE DIRECTOR

CLYDE TOLSON

ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Laughlin	
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I have reviewed the organizational setup proposed for the Domestic Intelligence Division and I would like to recommend it be organized in the following manner, which is also indicated on the chart attached:

1. Mr. Belmont as the Assistant Director to attend the Executives Conference.

2. Special Agent Supervisor William V. Cleveland as 1st Man to Mr. Belmont to act in the same capacity as Special Agent Supervisor George Scatterday in Mr. Ladd's Office.

3. Mr. Carl E. Hennrich to be designated as Inspector in Charge of the Security Section and to act on Mr. Belmont's desk in his absence and also attend the Executives Conference in the absence of Mr. Belmont.

4. Special Agent Supervisor William A. Branigan to be designated as Chief of the Espionage Unit and to act on Mr. Hennrich's desk during his absence.

5. Mr. Leo L. Laughlin to continue as Inspector in Charge of the Correlation Section and in his absence Mr. C. H. Stanley, Chief of the Loyalty Unit, to act on his desk.

In the event you agree with these recommendations they will be placed into effect immediately.

CT:LF

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October 3, 1951

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

A. H. Belmont, Assistant Director

W. V. Cleveland, Number One Man

Security Section

C. E. Hennrich, Inspector

Correlation Section

L. L. Laughlin, Inspector

<u>Espionage Unit</u>	<u>Internal Security U.</u>	<u>Loyalty Unit</u>	<u>Correlation-Liaison U.</u>
W. A. Branigan Chief	F. J. Baumgardner Chief	C. H. Stanley Chief	V. P. Keay Chief

REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT

54-100291

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.Applicant Alan H. Belmont
Address 1235 36th Street South
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

An application has been made by the above named applicant for a mortgage loan to be made by this institution and insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

We would appreciate your forwarding a confirmation of the applicant's employment status to the Federal Housing Administration for their confidential use. A space for your reply is provided in the lower portion of this form, but you may use any method of acknowledgment most convenient to you. If this form is not used for your reply, please indicate in your letter the name of this institution so that the Federal Housing Administration can identify the information with our application.

Your prompt consideration and reply will be sincerely appreciated by your employee and the undersigned.

W. W. McCOLLUM, INC.

(Mortgagee)

Box 110, Arlington, Virginia

(Address)

Date 1/18/52

EMPLOYER'S VERIFICATION

D. C. Insuring Office,
Federal Housing Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

The following is furnished to you in strict confidence in response to the request of the mortgagee named above.

Length of time employed _____
Present position _____
Present annual base salary _____
Approximate annual earnings for overtime work _____
Probability of continued employment and other remarks _____

Date _____

Name of Employer

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *pl*

DATE: November 8, 1951

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *mac*SUBJECT: ANNUAL LEAVE - A. H. BELMONT *Salp*

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If it is agreeable, I plan to take two weeks' annual leave starting Monday, November 19, 1951. I do not feel that it is desirable for me to take more than two weeks at the present time and consequently I am limiting my leave to this period.

At some time during the next few months, I may be moving to a new residence in this vicinity and at that time if conditions permit, I may request an additional week.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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11-6-51

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:

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Commission Card #76 with case
(Asst. Director)

RETURNED

Commission Card #76 with case
(Inspector)

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY

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Very truly yours

Alan H. Belmont
Alan H. Belmont, SA

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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I certify that I have ~~received~~ the following Government property for official use:
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Very truly yours,

Alan H. Belmont
Alan H. Belmont, SA

Jefferson

January 30, 1952

J. C. Insuring Office
Federal Housing Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This office has been requested by Mr. J. J. Gilden of W. W. McCollum, Incorporated, Post Office Box 110, Arlington, Virginia, to furnish you information regarding Mr. Alan Belmont, their reference #54-100291, who has applied for a mortgage loan.

In this connection, please be advised Mr. Belmont entered on duty in a permanent capacity in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 30, 1936, and is presently occupying the position of Assistant Director with salary at the rate of \$13,000 per annum.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1. Agency and organizational designations

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2. Pay roll period

3. Block No.

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5. Employee's name

MR. ALAN H. DELANEY

6. Grade and salary

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GS 14 \$2400

PAY ROLL CHANGE DATA

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7. Previous normal									
8. New normal									
9. Pay this period									

10. Remarks:

11. Appropriation(s)

12. Prepared by

13. Audited by

☒ Periodic step increase.☐ Pay adjustment.☐ Other step increase.

14. Effective date

1-7-51

15. Date last equivalent increase

2-6-50

16. Old salary rate

\$2400

17. New salary rate

\$2600

18. (a) ~~STANDARD FORM NO. 1126d~~ ~~CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATE~~ ~~PERF. RATING - Sat.~~

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(SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION)

19. Suspense date

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20. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following periods:)

Period(s):

(Check applicable box in case of excess LWOP)

☐ In pay status at end of waiting period.☐ In LWOP status at end of waiting period.☒ No excess LWOP. Total excess LWOP

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Initials of Clerk

STANDARD FORM NO. 1126d

Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S.

Feb. 3, 1950, General Regulations No. 102

PAY ROLL CHANGE SLIP—PERSONNEL COPY

February 23, 1952

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan W. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

1565 SDP/KSR

9-23-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

I have given careful consideration to the facts developed in connection with the recent mishandling of an interview conducted by the Honolulu Division in the matter of the pending prosecution of Communist functionaries under the Smith Act and the conclusion is inescapable that this general program was initiated without proper planning on your part and has been carried out with little or no supervision by the responsible Bureau executives.

I specifically instructed at the inception of this program that no cases were to be submitted to the Department for consideration as to prosecution until it had been carefully and definitely determined that they would stand up at the time of prosecution. In this respect my instructions were completely disregarded for which failure you are personally responsible in large part.

I cannot permit such inexcusably inadequate supervision and evaluation on the part of the Bureau's executives as has led to the recent fiasco in Hawaii and which has resulted in irreparable harm to the Bureau's reputation. Accordingly, you may rest assured that any similar failures on your part in the future will be dealt with most severely.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

FEB 29

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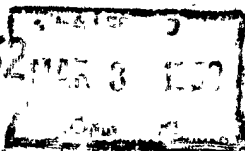
cc: Mr. Ladd (PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: January 4, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF;
PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES
UNDER THE SMITH ACT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

C. H. Carson

PURPOSE:

To advise you of the policy being followed in authorizing the use of Bureau informants as witnesses in the Smith Act prosecutions and in particular the California case. To answer your inquiry in connection with Departmental memorandum dated December 29, 1951.

DETAILS:

By memorandum dated December 29, 1951, the Criminal Division of the Department provided part of a letter received from the United States Attorney at Los Angeles in connection with the California Smith Act case. This letter states that the United States Attorney has interviewed all persons who might contribute possible evidence without interviewing any of the current informants of the Bureau in the Communist Party and that these interviews have not provided sufficient evidence to establish the positions of the defendants and their responsibilities for the proscribed Party teachings within the past three years. The Party positions of some of the defendants have not been established at any time. The United States Attorney states that the Bureau has not released for interview any current informants and that a former Bureau informant discussed by Mr. Tolin with the Department is not being released for use as a witness at this time. The United States Attorney states that most of the evidence from persons interviewed, particularly regarding Party positions of the defendants, is before 1948 and thus does not tend to establish the responsibility of most of the defendants within the three-year period of limitations.

The letter goes on to set forth a summary of the evidence obtained relative to the Party positions of the defendants from the witnesses interviewed.

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The Department's memorandum of December 29, states that in light of the foregoing facts it is necessary that there be made available additional informants who can establish Party positions held by the defendants, particularly those positions held within the three years immediately preceding the filing of the indictment and requests advice as soon as practicable as to what measures will be taken to this end.

POLICY OF CLEARING BUREAU
INFORMANTS AS WITNESSES:

In connection with the preparation for the New York Smith Act case, the United States Attorney requested clearance to interview a considerable number of current active Bureau informants as prospective witnesses. It was our belief that the United States Attorneys should first consider evidence from all sources other than current active informants prior to considering active informants as prospective witnesses. Our decision was based on the fact that we have a need for continued security coverage and, therefore, no active informants should be exposed unless their evidence is essential to the case and cannot be substituted from other sources. We further feared that the United States Attorneys would use current informants unnecessarily merely to glamorize or publicize the trials and it was our feeling that current active informants should be made available only if their testimony is essential to the case.

In keeping with this, on October 4, 1951, a teletype was sent to New York and Cleveland with copies to other offices having an interest in the pending Smith Act prosecutions instructing that only those prospective witnesses who are not now active reliable informants should be made available to the United States Attorney. The teletype went on that the New York Office should make certain that "United States Attorney completes interview of all other prospective witnesses prior to considering contact with any present active confidential informant. Bureau will then consider authorizing contact with active confidential informants, only if the United

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"States Attorney advises that the informant is a necessary witness. Bureau decision will be made in each individual case as it arises. Several offices have advised that certain confidential informants mentioned in New York letter of September 18 are extremely valuable. The value of each informant will be taken into consideration prior to authorization by Bureau."

Bureau policy was further set forth in SAC Letter #102 dated October 13, 1951, advising the field that all former informants and sources of information may be made available for pre-trial interview by the United States Attorney without Bureau authority unless a particular reason exists for Bureau clearance. No present reliable security informant or valuable source of information should be scheduled for interview by the United States Attorney without prior authorization of the Bureau and each case will be considered on its individual merits. The letter points out that all former informants and sources of information whose exposure would not harm our security coverage should be first interviewed before consideration is given to a present reliable informant or valuable source of information. If a present informant or source is requested by the United States Attorney, the office should advise the Bureau of the informant's productiveness and value and make a recommendation as to whether he should be used. The Bureau will then advise the office as to whether he can be used. The letter instructed that each office of prosecution work very closely with the United States Attorney and arrange to substitute testimony of former confidential informants and sources of information for the testimony of reliable security informants or valuable sources of information; that it is necessary to present as strong a case as possible in order to insure successful prosecution but the Bureau desires that these cases be presented with a minimum exposure of confidential informants.

We have been proceeding along lines of the above policy. It is realized that in some instances it

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|| may be necessary to use live informants to obtain successful prosecution in the Smith Act cases. A recent instance of this nature occurred in the Baltimore case where attempts to replace vital information available through an active informant were only partly successful. In this case the Departmental attorney needed the testimony of this informant to bring the activities of some of the defendants within the period of the statute of limitations. After all efforts to supplant the testimony of this informant were made unsuccessfully, Bureau authority was granted to make the informant available to the Departmental attorney.

CLEARANCE OF BUREAU INFORMANTS
IN THE CALIFORNIA CASE:

|| A copy of the teletype dated October 4, 1951, mentioned above went to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, as did, of course, a copy of the SAC Letter.

|| On October 9, 1951, a teletype was sent to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions granting authority to make available to the United States Attorney for pre-trial interviews certain former confidential informants and sources requested by those offices. This teletype denied authority for pre-trial interviews of active informants until after the United States Attorney completed the interviews of discontinued security informants and confidential sources whose exposure would not impair security coverage. San Francisco and Los Angeles were referred to the October 4, 1951, teletype and were instructed to advise the Bureau of the active informants desired by the United States Attorney after he had completed the other interviews.

|| The United States Attorney and his aides then proceeded to interview the former informants and sources of information, as cleared by the Bureau.

|| On November 21, 1951, the Los Angeles Division advised of the results of these interviews and stated "the evaluation of the evidence available through witnesses

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cleared for interview and interviewed by Government attorneys to date reflects several weaknesses in Government's case, particularly evidence concerning the Party position and responsibilities of the defendants in the current period or within the statute of limitations. a weakness in evidence pertaining to schools conducted by the Party, the revolutionary teachings of such schools and the responsibility of the defendants for the establishment and conduct of the schools." The teletype stated that Government attorneys were continuing the review of evidence and it was anticipated that the United States Attorney would request clearance to interview designated current security informants who may be able to bolster the case. The Bureau authorized the use of all proposed former informants and sources, with the exception of [redacted]

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It is noted that in the Departmental memorandum of December 29, 1951, the United States Attorney refers to a letter dated November 30, 1951, relative to a former Bureau informant. This letter was to Mr. James McInerney from the then United States Attorney Tolin and a copy was secured confidentially from the Department. The letter pertains to [redacted], mentioned above, and shows why she is an essential witness. In this letter Mr. Tolin states that he has not asked for clearance of any current informants listed in the Bureau's prosecutive summaries which the San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices of the Bureau have stated to be presently key informants in the Party. He states that he believes the use of [redacted] will

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supply necessary information concerning positions held
by a number of the defendants in the Party within the
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I called ASAC Ellsworth, of Los Angeles, in the absence of SAC Carson today to advise him that we had received the memorandum of December 29, from the Department quoting part of the United States Attorney's letter. I told Mr. Ellsworth the date of the United States Attorney's letter is not shown. I advised him that by this memorandum and letter, the Department and United States Attorney Binns have gone on record to the effect that we have not supplied sufficient evidence in the California Smith Act cases and I wanted to know why. United States Attorney Binns sent this letter. I pointed out that the Los Angeles Division has previously stated that it has very close liaison with the United States Attorney's office in these cases; that the Bureau has authorized the use of an Agent to handle the evidence.

Mr. Ellsworth stated that an Agent has been in constant liaison with the United States Attorney and he is at a loss to know why Binns sent such a letter. I asked Mr. Ellsworth whether Binns had asked for clearance on any specific current informants. He said that Binns has said that he will need some current informants who can testify as to what the current activities of the defendants were. Los Angeles has repeatedly attempted to have Binns sit down and go over the summary reports to pick out the exact informants he needs and to specify exactly what he wants. Mr. Ellsworth stated they have not been able to get Binns to sit down and specifically point out what he wants. They have told him that if he will point out the specific informants, the Bureau will consider the availability of these informants. However, they have been unable to get him to furnish the necessary information.

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I told Mr. Ellsworth that I wanted to know when and how often Los Angeles had attempted to secure this information from Binns and exactly what the situation was because in answering the Department's memorandum we wanted to be specific and sure of our ground. I further told him that inasmuch as the Department has furnished us the information from Mr. Binns' letter, either he or Mr. Carson should see Mr. Binns this afternoon and refer to the letter and sit down with Binns to go over the matter with him as to what informants he needs. I told Ellsworth that it is essential that we get this straightened out at once as the Bureau cannot be put in the position that it has not provided the evidence necessary for conviction. I told him that our procedures are not changed; that the Bureau wants to clear each and every current informant before interview, and clearance will depend on the necessity of the informant as a witness. *Right but we should act promptly in such instances.*

I advised Mr. Ellsworth that relative to [redacted] in view of the fact that San Francisco was unable to supplant her testimony, we are considering making her available as a witness and that Los Angeles will be advised specifically on this in the immediate future. I told Mr. Ellsworth that the Bureau could not understand why a letter of this type would be written by Binns if Los Angeles had sufficiently close liaison with the United States Attorney. I told him that the Bureau necessarily depends on Los Angeles to tell us what the United States Attorney requires in keeping with our previous instructions to Los Angeles. I instructed Mr. Ellsworth to call me back today on this matter in order that we could definitely and specifically answer the Departmental memorandum.

SAC Carson called me back on the evening of January 4 to advise that he has not been able to reach United States Attorney Binns, but is continuing his efforts to do so in accordance with the above instructions. He advised that former United States Attorney Tolin was in personal charge of this case until December 3, 1951, when he became a judge.

Binns took over as United States Attorney on December 5 and the United States Attorney's office has been

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an unsettled state since that time due to the shuffling of cases and the holiday season. Mr. Carson said that very close liaison has been maintained with Binns by SA H. R. Overton. To show the extent of this liaison, Overton prepared a memorandum, a copy of which is attached hereto, showing that he contacted Binns every working day from the time he took office on December 5. Mr. Carson pointed out that it has been very difficult to get Mr. Binns to settle down and go over these cases thoroughly. He stated that Binns is a "bull in a china shop;" that he appears to be friendly to the Bureau and that Carson has been keeping in mind that Binns will be representing the Bureau at the various defense motions and, therefore, Binns' friendship should be retained. He advised that the United States Attorney's Office has not prepared these cases thoroughly for trial and that the Los Angeles Office has been pushing him as much as possible concerning the cases.

requested Mr. Carson stated that on December 26, Binns effected that current informants [redacted] be made available or substitutions for them. Los Angeles advised San Francisco and the Bureau by letter dated December 29, and San Francisco has now advised Los Angeles that the evidence to be given by two of these informants can be given by former informants, and San Francisco is endeavoring to substitute on the testimony of the third informant. I pointed out to Mr. Carson that the Bureau wants to be advised promptly of these requests by Binns and consequently teletypes should be used instead of letters. I reiterated to Mr. Carson that by his letter, Binns has made a record indicating that the Bureau has not provided sufficient evidence for prosecution and that this, of course, is not a true picture. I told him we wanted to know why Binns had sent the letter and reiterated that he should get together with Binns this afternoon and go over this matter with him and pin him down as to just what he wants and why. I told him that we want to know the results of this conference with the United States Attorney. I advised Mr. Carson that we are going to reply to the Department to the effect that we have repeatedly tried to go over these cases in detail with Mr. Binns to get his requests and that we stand ready, as in the past, to give immediate consideration to any of his requests. Mr. Carson reiterated that, as reflected by Overton's memorandum,

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Letter / memo to
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at this end.
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The liaison has not worked & that is what
caused the problem & that is why it should be terminated. At
12 noon & that could be handled here have been mild. H.

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a very close liaison has been maintained with Binns and, in addition to Overton's contact with Binns, Carson has made numerous contacts with him. He stated he will take up the matter of the letter with Binns and will advise us.

ACTION:

If you agree, we will prepare a reply to the Department, pointing out that we have repeatedly endeavored to get USA Binns to specify exactly what informants he needs from the standpoint of evidence necessary in this case. Relative to the former informant mentioned in the Departmental memorandum, we will advise the Department that this informant is being made available to the United States Attorney and that in the case of other informants we stand ready to consult with the United States Attorney at any time regarding his needs and desires in this respect, as we have in the past. Also that obviously U.S. Atty must make up his mind as to what he wants.

I think we should point out in our memorandum to the Department that as the Department has previously been informed, security informants are extremely difficult to develop and once exposed are no longer of value to their country from the standpoint of security coverage; that we have kept this constantly in mind in view of our responsibilities in the security field. Nevertheless, we stand ready, as in the past, to give careful consideration to the needs of these cases, providing the United States Attorney makes specific requests for clearance and designates those informants who are essential witnesses.

Yes but we should have done this last April & May when we submitted the cases to the Dept. It is obvious Ladd & Belmont did not safeguard Bureau's interests adequately in this respect. We should have given Dept everything but should have stressed the fact in individual cases that use of current informants would destroy security coverage & that Dept should consider this before sending cases to U.S. Atty for Grand Jury presentation. #2

paper record against us.

To: SAC
By: SA H. R. Overton

Pursuant to your request, I am preparing a memorandum outlining in detail the extent of the liaison which we have maintained with the office of the U. S. Attorney in Los Angeles concerning the prosecution of the Smith Act cases and more specifically, the liaison that has been maintained with present U. S. Attorney Walter Binns.

Close liaison has been maintained with the office of the U. S. Attorney since the time of the arrest of the Smith Act subjects which occurred on July 27 last. I have been designated as personal liaison representative from the Los Angeles Office with the Office of the U. S. Attorney concerning these cases. I have devoted my entire time since that time to working on these cases and have spent a very large part of my time actually in consultation with the U. S. Attorney and the various assistants in their offices.

It will be recalled that former U. S. Attorney Ernest Tolin was given an interim appointment as U. S. District Court Judge in Los Angeles. He took the oath of office on December 3 last. Mr. Tolin had been previously handling the preparation for the prosecution of these cases more or less personally. He actually received notice of his interim appointment around the middle part of November last. From that time on, he did not actually handle the preparation of the cases personally, except he did appear in court in representing the government concerning certain pending motions. Mr. Binns did not actually take oath of office as U. S. Attorney until December 5 last due to some controversy among the judges who made the interim appointment of Binns as U. S. Attorney. There was a gap of two days when there was no U. S. Attorney.

I can, and do, positively state that throughout the entire month of December it was most difficult to get Mr. Binns or any of the assistants in his office to sit down and really study in detail the summary reports and evidence in connection with these cases. I don't mean to state that it is my opinion this was due to a disinclination on the part of Binns or his various assistants to work on the cases so much as it was due to the confusion, etc. attendant upon Binns being appointed U. S. Attorney and Mr. Tolin being appointed Judge. Additional confusion resulted from the judicial dispute as to whether or not Mr. Binns would be U. S.

Attorney plus the fact that the Christmas holiday season occupied the last week of the month. I did finally succeed, after considerable effort, in getting Messrs Binns, Lawrence K. Bailey, Special Departmental Assistant, and [] Assistant U. S. Attorney, to confer in studying these cases on the nights of December 11, 12 and 13. However, these conferences were concerned almost exclusively in studying the exhibits in connection with the cases. Assistant U. S. Attorney [] participated in these conferences only on the night of December 11. Assistant U. S. Attorney [] participated in these conferences on the nights of December 12 and 13, but he had to leave early, at approximately 8:00 PM, on each night. The conferences lasted until approximately 10:00 PM with the exception of these three nights. It was not possible to get Mr. Binns and his assistants to examine these cases prior to the Christmas holidays. I did suggest to Mr. Binns, upon a number of occasions, that we try to work out an agenda for detailed work and study of the cases over the holiday period. Mr. Binns did not definitely disagree with this suggestion, but he more or less evaded the point and it was not possible to set up an agenda.

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Assistant U. S. Attorney [] also assisting in preparing the case at the trial, was on leave from December 21 until January 3. Lawrence K. Bailey was out of the city on leave from December 21 until December 27. U. S. Attorney Walter Binns was on leave on December 27 and 28.

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I made the same suggestion to Mr. Binns in regard to the New Year holiday week-end, suggesting that we confer in detail and study the cases over that particular week-end. This suggestion met with negative results. I did succeed in conferring briefly with Mr. Binns concerning these cases on December 26, at which time Mr. Binns also reviewed the transcript of evidence on the various potential witnesses and made up a list of witnesses to be handled by the various attorneys for the government. During this interview, he also reviewed the summary of evidence reflected in prosecutive summaries, and specifically requested that an effort be made to find a substitute for the testimony attributed to [] and [] which was reported in the Stack report on page 22 and in the Yates report on page 27. He also stated that he would like to have [] who is a current SF informant. However, he made no specific request to have the Bureau clear [] at this time. This conference with Mr. Binns is reflected in Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated December 29, 1951.

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According to my recollection and according to my Number 3 Cards, I visited the U. S. Attorney's Office every work day since Mr. Binns was appointed U. S. Attorney except on only one, namely, December 20, and I distinctly recall conferring with Mr. Binns and a number of his assistants telephonically on that particular day. I think that I actually saw Mr. Binns on each working day that he was in his office.

The only detailed conferences that I have succeeded in having with Mr. Binns or any of his assistants concerning a detailed study of these cases were previously indicated in this memorandum with the exception of a conference held in his office on January 2, 1952. At that time, he told the various assistants, who were all present, what witnesses they were going to handle and discussed the order of the witnesses and the theory of the case. During that conference he requested that this office prepare a file for each of the attorneys containing memoranda and evidence to which each witness could testify. This request was complied with and the project was completed on January 3.

In addition to the above, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] on December 21, requested me to prepare a kit of Marxist literature for study by Mr. [redacted] over the Christmas holiday. This was prepared on the same day and furnished to him. Neither Mr. Binns nor any of his assistants have made any request for assistance from me or this office except as related above.

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TO : A. H. Belmont

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
(Prosecution of Additional
Communist Functionaries Under
the Smith Act - Hawaii)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

DATE: February 26, 1952

PURPOSE:

To advise you of an editorial in the February 9, 1952, issue of "The Nation" concerning the recent interview conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Honolulu office with David Thompson, Educational Director of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

DETAILS:

An editorial appearing on page 118 of the February 9, 1952, issue of "The Nation," reads as follows:

"The FBI was given a taste of its own medicine in Hawaii when the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union broadcast over Station KHON the recorded conversation of two FBI agents with David Thompson, the union's educational director. Calling at Thompson's home, the agents tried to persuade him to help them convince Jack W. Hall, a union official now under indictment for violation of the Smith act, to become a government witness. Unknown to the agents, a tape recording was made of the interview. With remarkable frankness the agents offered a variety of 'deals,' including a reduction in the number of counts in the indictment against Hall, if he would 'go along' with the government. The agents scoffed at the notion that the persons indicted in Hawaii for violation of the Smith act constituted 'a clear and present danger' to the security of the islands. 'They just don't rate,' one of them said; 'they would make poor Communists in the lowest cell in California.' It is too bad that the playback of the recording could not have been heard over a national network or at least by a Congressional committee. If this is a fair sample of the political police activities of the FBI, it is high time Mr. Hoover was asked a few questions."

The Bureau's files reflect that a study was made of "The Nation" during the period from January 1935 to December 1943 and it was determined that this journal has on occasions utilized the services of former Communists and near-Communists as writers for this magazine. The near-Communists are individuals concerning whom no specific proof of membership in the Communist Party is available and whose intellectual independence appears to rule out the presumption of Party membership. "The Nation" has specifically denied being Marxist and has been a strong defender of civil liberties for the Communists as well as themselves on the theory that once these fundamental rights have been abridged for the Communists it is but a step to deprive other and less obnoxious elements of the same rights. The journal does not subscribe to the Party line and denies being a Party organ. However, on some issues it has been in substantially complete accord with the Communist Party while on others it has adopted a view opposed to that of the Party. (61-901 - 108)

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

*Respective of the slant
of the Nation their editorial
in this instance is well
founded due to stupidity
of our Honolulu Office &
lack of planning &
supervision by Dadd &
Belmont.*

February 13, 1952

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan L. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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ON 9-23-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

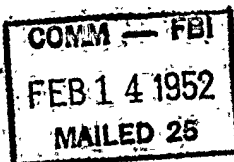
My attention has been directed to the lack of coordination displayed in your division in connection with the recent matter involving commendation of Special Agents of the Cleveland Office for their work in developing valuable security informants. The manner in which this matter was handled resulted in an unwarranted delay in the taking of final action in this instance.

I have noted that the Domestic Intelligence Division initially solicited recommendations of the Special Agent in Charge at Cleveland concerning these Agents and upon receipt of such recommendations at the Bureau, routed them to the Administrative Division with a notation that the Agents should be commended. The Administrative Division expressed some doubt as to whether letters of commendation were justified and returned this matter to your division on January 5, 1952, for further consideration. Thereafter the matter was sent back and forth among supervisors in your division and certain action was taken which from information submitted was determined to be incorrect, with the result that an unnecessary delay occurred before proper action was finally taken in this matter.

Such "round-robin" handling as occurred in your division in this instance could be avoided by proper instructions in staff conferences and you should take appropriate steps to properly instruct the Special Agent Supervisors in your division so that such matters will be handled promptly and adequately in the future. You are expected to see to it that there is no repetition of a similar lack of coordination in your division as occurred in this instance.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. Belavin
 FROM : H. L. Edwards ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
 SUBJECT: DELAY IN TRANSMITTING LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

DATE: February 1, 1952

Reference is made to the attached memorandum to you dated January 25, 1952, concerning the delay in transmitting letters of commendation to Agents of the Cleveland Division for their development of Security Informants.

For your additional information, it is noted that Special Agent Supervisor [redacted] who is one of the Agents on the Informant Desk in the Domestic Intelligence Division, prepared and transmitted the letter of December 17, 1951, to the Cleveland Office soliciting the recommendation of the SAC concerning the commendation of Agents who had developed a particular informant in that division. Supervisor [redacted] in reviewing the status of this informant, observed that he had recently been accepted as a member of the Communist Party and feeling that perhaps commendation might be in order, transmitted the letter of December 17, to the Cleveland Office.

The Cleveland Office replied by submitting three separate communications, two of which were dated December 28 and one December 29, recommending four Agents for commendation in connection with their development of three confidential informants. These letters were received in the Bureau on January 3, 1952, and were thereafter routed to the Internal Security Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division where they were received on January 4 by Supervisor [redacted]. Immediately upon receiving and reviewing these letters, Supervisor [redacted] noted his approval of the SAC's recommendation that the Agents be commended. He then telephonically discussed the matter with Supervisor C. Ray Davidson of the Personnel Unit and thereafter transmitted the material to Supervisor Davidson.

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 This material was received by Supervisor C. Ray Davidson of the Administrative Division on January 5 and was immediately reviewed. Following his review of the communications, Supervisor Davidson did not feel that there was sufficient information to justify letters of commendation to the Agents because the major portion of the information set out in the correspondence pertained to the accomplishments of the informants and did not reflect in any detail the work performed by the Agent personnel in developing these informants. Accordingly, Mr. Davidson was of the opinion that additional information was needed to properly evaluate whether the Agents' actions or work in developing the informants actually deserved commendation. He,

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therefore, telephonically discussed this matter with Supervisor [redacted] and immediately returned the communications to him on that same day, Saturday, January 5, with the suggestion that consideration be given to requesting the Cleveland Division for additional facts.

These communications were received back on the Informant Desk on Saturday, January 5, 1952, and in accordance with Supervisor Ray Davidson's suggestion, Supervisor [redacted] did reconsider the matter and dictated a letter to Cleveland covering all three informants and the four Special Agents requesting that that office furnish specific activities of the Special Agents involved. This letter was dictated and transcribed on Wednesday, January 9, and was dated Thursday, January 10. The letter was returned to the Informant Desk by Mr. Belmont's office with the verbal request that the recommendation of the SAC again be considered inasmuch as Mr. Belmont and Supervisor Joseph Schmit (acting for Mr. Baumgardner) who discussed the matter with Mr. Belmont, felt that there was sufficient information to consider commendation. The exact date that this letter of January 10 was returned to the Informant Desk is not known; however, it was noted that on Friday, January 11, a self-inspection began in the Domestic Intelligence Division and Supervisor [redacted] was relieved of his duties on the Informant Desk to participate in this inspection. Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13 were non-work days.

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On Monday, January 14, Supervisor Joseph D. Donohue reviewed the entire matter and in view of the pressure of business, decided to continue his review at home on the evening of Monday, January 14, which was done. Supervisor Donohue recalls spending two complete hours at home on January 14, reviewing the progress of these informants together with the recommendations of the SAC. Supervisor Donohue also noted that as an indication of the volume of work on the Informant Desk which prompted his action as noted above, there was a three-day mail count taken on January 16, 17 and 18, during the self-inspection which reflected that the Informant Desk received during the three-day period 387 communications, totalling 599 pages. This volume required handling by two Supervisors as the third, Mr. [redacted], was then working on the self-inspection. After reviewing this matter on the evening of Monday, January 14, it was the conclusion of Supervisor Donohue that since the Bureau had received the recommendation of the SAC at Cleveland in response to the Bureau's request, nothing further would be gained by again asking the SAC for information. In view of this fact and the fact that the Administrative Division did not feel commendation was warranted on the basis of the facts received, Supervisor Donohue decided that the commendations should not be given. Accordingly, he gave most careful thought to the preparation of communications to the Cleveland Office

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giving full credit to the Agents involved for performing good work in developing and handling informants, but at the same time pointing out that there was nothing indicative of unusual or outstanding work upon which commendation could be predicated. Accordingly, on January 15, individual letters in all three cases were dictated by Supervisor Joseph P. Donohue, transcribed and sent through under date of January 16, 1952. Supervisor G. E. Irwin approved one of these letters for Mr. Baumgardner and Supervisor Calvin Howard approved and initialed the other two for Section Chief Baumgardner. Supervisor Joseph Schmit, while acting for Mr. G. H. Scatterday as Number One Man for Mr. Ladd and after discussing these letters with Mr. Belmont, approved and initialed them for Mr. Belmont and Mr. Ladd.

It is noted that all three of these letters were returned by the Director to Mr. Tolson on a "see me." Thereafter, Mr. Tolson referred the matter to Mr. Mohr to determine if letters of commendation were warranted. Mr. Mohr determined that commendation was warranted and returned the letters to the Domestic Intelligence Division where they were received on the Informant Desk on January 21, with instructions that letters of commendation be prepared. The material was then immediately forwarded to Supervisor Ray Davidson of the Administrative Division and the commendation letters were immediately prepared and sent through on the following day's date of January 22, 1952.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (By Glavin)

With reference to the review of this matter by Supervisor Ray Davidson of the Administrative Division, he was not involved in the delay in handling of this particular matter. He received the matter on January 5th, immediately reviewed it, telephonically discussed it with the supervisor handling it in the Domestic Intelligence Division, Supervisor [redacted] and returned it to him for further handling.

When final action in forwarding letters of commendation to the Agents involved was taken the material was received January 21st, the letters were dictated and sent through under date of January 22nd.

With reference to his original determination that insufficient facts were presented to justify letters of commendation, I have read the letters in question from the Cleveland Office dated December 28 and 29 concerning these matters and they go into no detail concerning outstanding work performed by the Agents in question in developing the informants involved. The letters do show that valuable information was secured and is being secured from the informants in question. It is evident that the informants are good informants. Whether any special

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handling was necessary to develop them or whether they were most ready and willing upon contact to become informants could not be determined from the letters in question. I can see why Davidson felt that sufficient justification was not included in the letters to warrant letters of commendation. Here was a case where informants were furnishing good information but no particular technique or effort which may have been made by the Agents in question was set forth in justification of commendation.

I have discussed this matter not only with Davidson but with the entire supervisory personnel of this division and have advised them that they must be continually alert to follow the Director's desires to commend an employee when such commendation is warranted, that letters of commendation should mean something, and that the supervisors handling these matters should bear this in mind in handling such letters.

With reference to the delay in the Domestic Intelligence Division, it is felt that Supervisor Joseph D. Donohue delayed too long in the final handling of these communications. Since the matter of letters of commendation to these Agents was initiated by the Domestic Intelligence Division it is felt that SA Joseph D. Donohue, the supervisor who handled the preparation of letters advising Cleveland that no commendation was to be given, should have discussed this matter with the supervisor, SA [redacted], who initiated the suggestion that letters of commendation be forwarded to the Agents who developed the informants in question, before letters advising Cleveland that letters of commendation were not to be forwarded were prepared for dispatch. McInturff was available for such conferences even though he was assigned to a self-inspection of the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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It is further felt that Supervisor Donohue delayed too long a period of time in handling this matter. It is felt that a letter of censure should be addressed to him for the manner in which this matter was handled by him. It appears further that Supervisor [redacted], who initialed one of the letters for Mr. Baumgardner, Section Chief, and Supervisor Calvin Howard, who approved and initialed the other 2 letters for Mr. Baumgardner, did not thoroughly check into this matter before initialing the letters for transmission to the Cleveland Office.

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It is further felt that Supervisor Joseph Schmit, who initialed these letters while acting as Number One Man to Mr. Ladd, should also have been more alert in following the history of this matter before initialing the letters to Cleveland stating that letters of commendation would not be forwarded to the Agents in question.

It is further felt that Mr. Belmont should have more thoroughly explored this matter before approving the letters to Cleveland advising that letters of commendation would not be transmitted. It is noted that Supervisor Schmit discussed this matter with Mr. Belmont before he initiated the letters turning down letters of commendation for transmittal.

It is therefore my recommendation that Supervisors Donohue, [redacted] Howard and Schmit be censured for the manner in which this matter was handled by them. It is further recommended that a letter of censure be addressed to Mr. Belmont in this matter since it is felt that a more careful review would have resulted in different final action being taken by the Domestic Intelligence Division in this case.

It is not felt that Supervisor [redacted] who initiated this entire project, is in error since he was assigned to the self-inspection at the time the matter was handled by Donohue and was not involved in the final delay in handling this matter to proper completion.

BRIEFS OF THE FILES OF THE SPECIAL AGENTS INVOLVED ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

ADDENDUM: 2/6/52 JPM:DW (mohr)

I recommend that the following action be taken with respect to the handling of this matter:

1. I recommend that Special Agent Supervisor C. R. Davidson of the Administrative Division be censured because of his faulty judgment in analyzing this problem when it was referred to him on January 5, 1952. I do not think it would make any difference what the Agents did to develop the three informants in question since two of the informants had already been successful in infiltrating the Communist Party and the third was on the verge of doing so and I think that any Agents who are successful in accomplishing such a result most certainly should be commended. Davidson's actions directly led to the further mishandling of this matter in the Domestic Intelligence Division.
2. I recommend that Special Agent Supervisor [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division be censured because he was instrumental in some of the delay in the handling of this matter and he did not handle the situation decisively and in accordance with his first judgment. [redacted] first recommended the letters of commendation to the Administrative Division and then when he was challenged he accepted a faulty analysis and prepared communications to Cleveland asking for further justification. If he thought he was right in the first instance he should have stuck by his guns and if he was

challenged he should have taken the matter to his superior which he did not do. *I agree* *I concur. H.*

3. I think that Special Agent Supervisor [] of the Domestic Intelligence Division should be censured not because he was instrumental in delaying this matter, since he received it on Monday, January 14, took it home that night and reviewed the situation, dictated on January 15 as he recalls and the letters were dated January 16. [] states that he had not been told that Mr. Belmont was of the opinion there was sufficient justification in the Bureau to commend the Agents but was simply told that Mr. Belmont thought there was sufficient justification to commend one of the Agents and that he, [] should look the matter over to see what should be done. [] said he resolved the matter by virtue of the fact that the Administrative Division would not send the letters of commendation without further justification and he felt it would be ridiculous to ask the field for further justification since the Bureau had initiated the matter in the first instance. [] therefore, prepared letters to Cleveland stating that the Bureau was of the opinion the Agents had not done anything sufficiently outstanding to deserve commendation but that they had done good work. I interviewed [] and he was of the opinion that obviously Agents should be commended for developing informants as in this case regardless of the work which the Agents did. I think [] was at fault in failing to take an aggressive stand in the matter and resolving it by calling the whole situation to the attention of Mr. Belmont so he could resolve it with Mr. Glavin and in that respect I think his judgment was faulty in evaluating the situation.

4. I think Mr. Belmont should be censured for the lack of coordination in his division with respect to this entire situation and the delay in handling the problem. Had Mr. Belmont stepped in and aggressively sized up the situation and called it to the attention of Mr. Glavin promptly, I am sure that the whole matter would have been resolved promptly in the first instance.

*Let's of course to
Davidson, Belmont
McIntire, Belmont
& Glavin.
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JDH - ps*

*Such "round-robin"
handling of such
matters could be
avoided by proper
instructions in staff
conferences - Belmont
and Glavin should
be so advised.*

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*I most certainly
agree. The matter
hasn't been handled
what the hell
is doing certainly
in Belmont's
Div.
K.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 9, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: PHILIP MORRISON
(McCarran Committee Request)

PURPOSE: Domestic Intelligence Division

To advise you of reasons for the delay in forwarding to you memoranda dated December 14, 1951, which incorporated information appearing in Bureau files relative to Professor Philip Morrison, Nuclear Physicist of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

BACKGROUND:

As you will recall, on a memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Ladd re Professor Philip Morrison (McCarran Committee Request) dated December 14, 1951, Mr. Tolson noted "Ladd where has memo been since Dec. 14." You noted "I didn't get it until Jan. 8 over 3 weeks (Dec. 14) after it was written.H."

DETAILS:

The blind and cover memoranda on Morrison were completed in the Correlation-Liaison Unit on Friday, December 14, 1951, and submitted to Inspector Keay's office for approval.

Since Morrison is the subject of a pending "Internal Security - R; Fraud Against the Government" investigation these memoranda were forwarded to the Espionage Unit for review, where they were received on Monday, December 17, 1951.

On December 18, 1951, the Espionage Unit recommended that specific references to J. Robert Oppenheimer, Dr. Edward U. Condon and Sidney Michael Dancoff appearing in the blind memorandum be deleted.

After discussing this point it was felt that these references should not be deleted, but changes relative to Oppenheimer, Condon and Dancoff were made. This was done on December 19, 1951, and on the same date these memoranda were returned through channels.

On December 27, 1951, these memoranda were returned by Mr. Tolson's office directly to Supervisor D. J. Sullivan, who prepared them, for correction of typographical errors appearing in the blind memorandum.

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A. H. Belmont

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The corrected memoranda were returned from the typist on December 29, 1951, and immediately forwarded directly to Mr. Tolson's office.

On January 2, 1952, these memoranda were returned to Mr. Laughlin from Mr. Ladd with a "See me" which had to do with the recommendations of the Espionage Unit regarding the references to Oppenheimer, Condon and Dancoff. The memoranda were returned by hand to Mr. Ladd on the same day.

On January 5, 1952, at the request of Mr. Tolson's office one page of the blind memorandum was retyped because of erasures which appeared on the original. The memoranda were returned directly to Mr. Tolson's office on the same date.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

This memo. does not even attempt to explain or fix responsibility for typographical errors - erasures, etc. In other words, why wasn't it in proper shape before it was sent to my office. Neither I nor Beatty are proof-readers for the Domestic Intelligence Div. This memo. merely "brushes off" the whole thing. This is not the way to effect improvements

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I may not certainly agree with these observations. Ladd & Belmont should get better supervision. Chapman is in charge of this unit. K.

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(issued Jan. 2, 1952)

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(issued Aug. 21, 1950)

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PER. *EB*

Very truly yours,

A. H. Belmont

A. H. Belmont

February 25, 1952

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I want you to know of my extreme displeasure concerning your failure to take steps, at the time the President's Executive Order was originally issued establishing minimum standards for the handling of classified information, to have the Bureau exempted from any over-all regulations of the Department of Justice.

As you know, the preliminary negotiations on the proposed Executive Order were handled by the Security Division and you had ample opportunity to anticipate the desirability, since the Bureau had issued its own regulations, of taking steps to have the Bureau exempted from any over-all regulations issued by the Department.

I desire that in the future you exercise more alertness and initiative in matters of this type, anticipating problems that are likely to arise, in order that the Bureau's best interests might be protected. Should there be a recurrence of such a patent failure to protect the Bureau's interests, you may be assured more severe administrative action will be taken in your case.

Very truly yours,

(S) J. Edgar Hoover
Valled by the Director

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: Mr. Glavin

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MINIMUM SECURITY REGULATIONS

DATE: February 23, 1952

In accordance with your request, letters to Messrs. Clegg and Belmont are attached with reference to the failure to take steps to have the Bureau exempted from any overall Departmental regulations on this subject.

In response to your inquiry, the Security Division had from time to time analyzed various proposals, while the Executive Order on proposed minimum security standards was being negotiated. The Security Division also handled liaison with other agencies of government. The Training Division analyzed the Executive Order once it came out and prepared the SAC letter to the field and the instructions to the Seat of Government. Mr. Clegg was appointed the security officer for the Bureau and the Training Division was charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that the Bureau complies with the Executive Order.

Mr. Belmont states that either the Security Division or the Training Division could have anticipated the matter of securing an exemption from the Department.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Glavin

LBN: hmc

Sadd should also be censured. He is as much responsible as the others.

[Handwritten signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

File

Name of Employee: ALAN HARDEN BELMONT

Where Assigned: FIVE (Division) DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE UNIT (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Rating Period: from March 31, 1951 to March 31, 1952

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

AMB

Rated by: *[Signature]* Asst. to the Dir. 4-15-52
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: *[Signature]* ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MAY 19 1952
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: *[Signature]* ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MAY 19 1952
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

(X) Official

(X) Annual

() Administrative

() 60-day

() Transfer

() Separation from service

() Special

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[Signature]

PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL

(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form No. FD-185)

Name of Employee BELMONT, ALAN H. Title ASST. DIRECTOR
 Rating Period: from 3-31-51 to 3-31-52

RATING GUIDE AND CHECK-LIST

Note: Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. All employees in same salary grade should be compared. Rate items as follows:

- + Outstanding (exceeding excellent and deserving special commendation).
✓ Satisfactory (ranging from good to excellent but not sufficient to rate outstanding).
- Unsatisfactory.
0 No opportunity to appraise performance during rating period.

Guide for determining adjective rating:

An 'Outstanding' rating cannot be justified unless all elements rated are 'plus', and in addition, of course, supporting comments must comply with the requirements as set out below.

So far as 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory' ratings are concerned, it is impossible to provide a mechanical formula for computing the various 'plus', 'check', and 'minus' marks because such would presume equal weight for all elements rated. Good judgment must be exercised to insure that the adjective rating is reasonable in the light of the elements rated. All minus marks must be supported by narrative detail, and of course, all 'Unsatisfactory' ratings must comply with the requirements as set out below.

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| <u>✓</u> (1) Personal appearance. | <u>✓</u> (17) Firearms ability. |
| <u>✓</u> (2) Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts. | <u>0</u> (18) Development of informants and sources of information. |
| <u>+</u> (3) Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability and willingness to equitably share work load). | <u>✓</u> (19) Reporting ability: |
| <u>✓</u> (4) Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina). | <u>0</u> (a) Investigative reports |
| <u>✓</u> (5) Resourcefulness and ingenuity. | <u>0</u> (b) Summary reports |
| <u>✓</u> (6) Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required. | <u>✓</u> (c) Memos, letters, wires |
| <u>✓</u> (7) Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions; ability to define objectives. | (Consider: <u> </u> conciseness; <u> </u> clarity; <u> </u> organization; <u> </u> thoroughness; <u> </u> accuracy; <u> </u> adequacy and pertinency of leads; <u> </u> administrative detail.) |
| <u>✓</u> (8) Initiative and the taking of appropriate action on own responsibility. | <u>0</u> (20) Performance as a witness. |
| <u>✓</u> (9) Planning ability and its application to the work. | <u>✓</u> (21) Executive ability: |
| <u>✓</u> (10) Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail. | <u>✓</u> (a) Leadership |
| <u>+</u> (11) Industry, including energetic consistent application to duties. | <u>✓</u> (b) Ability to handle personnel |
| <u>+</u> (12) Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control. | <u>✓</u> (c) Planning |
| <u>+</u> (13) Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and 'know how' of application. | <u>✓</u> (d) Making decisions |
| <u>✓</u> (14) Technical or mechanical skills. | <u>✓</u> (e) Assignment of work |
| <u>✓</u> (15) Investigative ability and results: | <u>✓</u> (f) Training subordinates |
| <u>✓</u> (a) Internal security cases | <u>✓</u> (g) Devising procedures |
| <u>✓</u> (b) Criminal or general investigative cases | <u>✓</u> (h) Emotional stability |
| <u>✓</u> (c) Fugitive cases | <u>✓</u> (i) Promoting high morale |
| <u>✓</u> (d) Applicant cases | <u>✓</u> (j) Getting results |
| <u>✓</u> (e) Accounting cases | <u>0</u> (22) Ability on raids and dangerous assignments: |
| <u>0</u> (16) Physical surveillance ability. | <u> </u> (a) As leader |
| | <u> </u> (b) As participant |
| | <u>✓</u> (23) Organizational interest, such as making of suggestions for improvement. |
| | <u>✓</u> (24) Ability to work under pressure. |
| | <u> </u> (25) Miscellaneous. Specify and rate: |
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A. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, or as resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.): security - assistant Director

B. Specify employee's most noteworthy special talents (such as investigator, desk man, research, instructor, speaker): executive administrator

C. (1) Is employee available for general assignment wherever needs of service require? yes (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)
 (2) Is employee available for special assignment wherever needs of service require? yes (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)

D. Has employee had any abnormal sick leave record during rating period? No. (If so, explain in narrative comments.)

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY

Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

ALAN HARDEN BELMONT
Assistant Director in Charge
of the Domestic Intelligence Unit
GS-17 \$13,000

Mr. Belmont during the entire rating period has been Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division. He is a conscientious hard worker, is very sincere, is possessed of good judgment and has a good knowledge of the Bureau's problems and policies. He has the respect of the employees of the Domestic Intelligence Division who are working for him and is able to direct their activities in a very satisfactory manner. He is constantly endeavoring to develop plans for future contingencies as to the work of the Bureau in the internal security category. In all, Mr. Belmont has done a very satisfactory job.

SATISFACTORY
ADJECTIVE RATING

ALH
Employee's initials



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 4/3/52

Address 2711 N. Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 4/3/52

Address 2711 N. Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

Very truly yours,

ALAN H. BELMONT

Special Agent

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: February 29, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ALAN H. BELMONT

Domestic Intelligence Div

In line with the Director's instructions, I talked to Mr. Belmont and told him the Director was getting sick and tired of the lethargy that was constantly being exhibited here at the Seat of Government; that it was absolutely inexcusable not to have anticipated and taken steps to have the Bureau exempted from the security regulations of the Department, issued pursuant to the Executive Order creating minimum standards of security.

I further pointed out to Mr. Belmont that, as a further illustration, the manner in which the Smith Act cases in Honolulu had been handled was atrocious and that the Director was completely at a loss to understand how the situation could develop in Honolulu which has developed; that if the cases had been properly prepared in the first place it would not have been necessary to have gone out and embarked upon a mass interview program.

Mr. Belmont stated that the summaries as submitted to the Department were in good shape but that when they started interviewing the witnesses they found that the witnesses simply did not stand up. I asked him if it was because of faulty reporting and he stated that it was not; that the caliber of the witnesses--their mentality and the like--was responsible and that he can now see they should have checked on the witnesses; that they would try to anticipate such matters in the future and avoid a like situation.

I further told Mr. Belmont the Director, as a further indication of lethargy, had cited the delay in starting the investigation growing out of the petition for a new trial on the part of Alger Hiss; that the Security Division had been prone to wait for Departmental instructions when it was our own integrity that was being challenged, not the Department's, and that it was not until the Director intervened that the Security Division got moving; that in a case such as this we should not have waited for Departmental instructions but should have taken the initiative and gotten to work. I told him that he set the tone for the Security Division; that he must anticipate things that are coming up and must take the initiative.

cc: Mr. Glavin

LBN:hmc

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Memorandum for the Director

February 29, 1952

Mr. Belmont stated that he realized these things; that it just never occurred to him that it would be necessary to ask the Department to exempt us from over-all security regulations when we had our own and the Department knew we had our own, but that the Security Division had the opportunity of raising this question as the Security Division had originally handled the analysis of the background of the Executive Order, even though the instructions were prepared by the Training Division and Mr. Clegg had been designated as security officer. Mr. Belmont stated that he would try to anticipate such matters and put forth his best efforts in the future.

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We can't just continue
to rock along. If we
don't look out for our-
selves I anticipate the
consequences certainly no one
else is going to do it
for us.

H.

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April 25, 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On April 22, 1952, I saw Assistant Director Belmont of
the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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I also discussed with Mr. Belmont the recent memorandum received from the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division, Mr. McInerney, in which a ruling was made that if any Agent of this Bureau having knowledge of a wiretap was called to the witness stand in court, that he must answer any questions concerning the method of coverage and other details concerning same. I told Mr. Belmont that if this ruling stood, it would be necessary to completely discontinue all technical surveillances. Mr. Belmont asked whether I had any objection to his taking this matter up with Assistant Attorney General McInerney and pointing out to him the problems which it raised. I told him I had no objection to his taking this action but he should keep in mind that it is a well-known fact that McInerney keeps a diary and records therein all conversations which he has with anyone and that, therefore, he, Mr. Belmont, should be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM B. G.
TIME 10:41 AM
DATE 4-28-52
BY [signature]

JEH:mpd

8 MAY 14 1952

TO: MR. BELMONT

7-18-52

FROM: L. B. NICHOLS

handled separately
There are attached hereto documents ranging in date from January 5, 1952, to June 16, 1952, which have just been received in the Records Section.

An explanation is desired as to the delay in forwarding this material to the Records Section.

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Assistant Director

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Assistant Director

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Very truly yours,

Alan H. Belmont

Special Agent

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE

Very truly yours,

Alan H. Belmont
Alan H. Belmont,

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June 8, 1952

Mr. Arthur D. Belmont
2711 North Yamacraw Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Belmont:

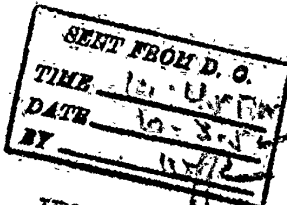
I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am that it was necessary for me to be away from my office when Mrs. Belmont and you came by yesterday. I do hope that you enjoyed your visit and that when next you are in Washington I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

With every good wish to Mrs. Belmont and you, I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: May 20, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

ALAN H. BELMONT
ANNUAL LEAVE

Tolson	✓
Ladd	✓
Clegg	✓
Glavin	✓
Nichols	✓
Rosen	✓
Tracy	✓
Harbo	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Nease	✓
Gandy	✓

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For your information, my parents are coming from California to visit for ten days, arriving May 25, 1952. Consequently, if it meets with your approval, I would like to take annual leave as follows.

I had planned to request annual leave for the week May 26-29, 1952. However, as Mr. Laughlin is moving during that week and it is not desirable for the two of us to be off at one time, I would like to take leave on May 26 and 27, 1952, and on June 2 and 3, 1952. Mr. Laughlin and Mr. Hennrich both will be here on those days.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 5-29-52

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

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SUBJECT:

Former Bureau Clerk
Kansas City Division
Presently in Military Service

Reference is made to my memorandum of 5-26-52 setting forth the information indicating that the captioned employee, who is presently in the Marine Corps, had not made an unauthorized disclosure of information from Bureau files to Raymond Harold Smith, a sexual pervert, who was a classmate of [redacted] at George Washington University in 1951. In connection with this memorandum, both [redacted] and Smith related that Smith on one occasion had requested [redacted] to check the Bureau files with regard to an acquaintance Smith had made and who was supposed to be in the Merchant Marine. Both [redacted] and Smith stated that [redacted] had refused to furnish such information to Smith.

Mr. Tolson has inquired as to whether [redacted] reported this incident at the time. A check of Bureau records discloses no indication that the matter was reported by [redacted]. When interviewed by the San Diego Division, Ethington advised that Smith had asked him to ascertain whether the Bureau had a case on his acquaintance or if the Bureau would be interested in the theft of a government gun and other material which a seaman acquaintance of Smith's had committed. Ethington further stated that he believes he brought the matter to the attention of his Supervisor at the Seat of Government, Special Agent [redacted], who in all probability stated that it was no violation within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. [redacted] said he subsequently informed Smith that he could not furnish any information from the Bureau's files to any unauthorized person and that the matter Smith had mentioned was not within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Special Agent Supervisor [redacted] has advised that he has no recollection of [redacted] having brought these matters

cc: Mr. Belmont

Mr. W. E. Clark

Kansas City Office File (SOG)

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Memo to Mr. Glavin (Continued)

to his attention and as indicated above, no record that [redacted]
reported it can be located in Bureau files.

This matter is being referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division in order that information regarding Smith may be disseminated to the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Defense. It is not felt that any further action need be taken.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:

~~RETURNED~~
INSPECTOR'S MANUAL # 9
(Issued April 7, 1952)

RETURNED

INSPECTOR'S MANUAL # 34
(Issued May 21, 1945)

CHECK ONE: Destroyed in Field Office

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

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Very truly yours,

A. H. Belmont

Mr. Glavin

May 15, 1952

H. L. Edwards

SEX DEVIATES IN U. S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE

W. H. E. [redacted]

As reflected in my memorandum of May 13, 1952, which is attached, [redacted], admitted homosexual, recently advised an agent of the Pittsburgh Division that he had attended parties with other homosexuals at the home of [redacted] Maryland, on Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, 1950, and that [redacted] a Department of Defense employee, who had attended these parties, had told him, [redacted] that [redacted] did not have to worry about possible raids by law enforcement officials because he had a friend who worked with the FBI in Washington, D. C., and who was a fellow classmate during evening sessions at George Washington University, and that this Bureau employee had checked the FBI files and had advised [redacted] that his residence was not listed on the homosexual list.

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INVESTIGATION TO DATE

Agents of the Washington Field Office interviewed [redacted] whose full name is [redacted], and who resides at the home of [redacted] Maryland. [redacted] admitted having attended the parties at [redacted] in 1950, but he denied that he had made the statement that anyone had checked the Bureau files for him or had furnished him any information from Bureau files.

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However, [redacted] did state that during the 1951 spring term he attended a public speaking class given by a Mrs. Bielski (phonetic) at George Washington University, and there was a young man in this class whose name [redacted] claims he does not know, but whom he believes worked for the Bureau. According to [redacted], he never asked this fellow classmate to check the Bureau files on himself, but he did request that a check be made on the name of a friend of [redacted] in the Merchant Marine. [redacted] asserted, however, that the supposed Bureau employee told him that he could not secure this information for him.

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[redacted] described the alleged Bureau employee as being about [redacted] and [redacted]. The individual in question had been [redacted]

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cc - [redacted] Belmont

Personnel File of [redacted]
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about 3 weeks before the spring term at George Washington started, and was living in an apartment on the fourth floor of the [redacted] was under the impression that this Bureau employee was anticipating a transfer from [redacted] to [redacted] as soon as the school term ended.

The student roster of the public speaking class mentioned by [redacted] was secured, and a check of the male students has been made against the Bureau's personnel records. None of the names of these students could be identified as present or former employees with the exception of [redacted] who may be identical with [redacted] a Bureau employee presently on military leave, and whose assignment in March, 1952, was with the Marine Corps at San Diego, California. In this connection, the Washington Field Office has advised that [redacted] was a Clerk in the Security Division at the time a list was prepared of the arrests made by the Washington Police Department on sexual perversion charges, and [redacted] assisted in the compilation of this list. It is further noted from [redacted] file that he served at the Bureau from October, 1947, until July 28, 1951, when he was transferred to the Kansas City Division on a trial basis as a Special Employee. However, SAC Boardman subsequently advised that his work and activities in the Kansas City Office were such that he would not recommend him for appointment as a Special Employee and consequently, [redacted] was demoted to Grade GS 3 and was in that position when he was separated for military service on February 27, 1952.

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Following identification of [redacted] as probably the individual referred to by [redacted] the Washington Field Office was instructed to reinterview [redacted] and exhibit a photograph of [redacted] for the purpose of making a positive identification, and also in order to interrogate him in detail as to whether he did not in fact secure information from [redacted] from the Bureau files as originally related by [redacted]. However, it was ascertained that [redacted] is out of the city and somewhere in Connecticut in connection with a law suit, but is expected to return to Washington on Monday, May 19, 1952. The Washington Field Office was instructed to reinterview him immediately upon his return.

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It is further recommended that upon completion of all logical inquiries in this area, an attempt be made to locate [redacted] if he is still in the United States, and that he be interviewed on the matter.

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A PERMANENT BRIEF OF [redacted] PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin ✓

DATE: May 13, 1952

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*b6
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SUBJECT: SEX DEVIATES IN U. S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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In connection with the Espionage investigation of [redacted] et al, the Pittsburgh Division interviewed one of the subjects, [redacted], an admitted homosexual and a former employee of the Department of the Army, who resides at [redacted], Pennsylvania.

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[redacted] furnished information that he had attended parties at the home of [redacted] Maryland, on Thanksgiving and New Years' Eve, 1950, and at the second function there were only men present and they paired off for immoral reasons. In addition to [redacted] named two other government employees who have the general reputation of being homosexuals: [redacted]

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[redacted] Washington, D. C., and Private First Class [redacted] Camp Pickett, Virginia. Dissemination of the information indicating sex deviation has already been made to the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Commerce with respect to [redacted] and to military intelligence with respect to [redacted], who is one of the subjects in the pending Espionage case.

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According to [redacted], during a conversation regarding the security of [redacted] against possible raids by law enforcement officials, stated, "I don't have to worry because I have a friend who works with the FBI in Washington, D. C., and who is a fellow classmate of mine during evening sessions at George Washington University and he checked the FBI files for me to see if my residence was listed on the FBI Homosexual List and my home was not among those listed."

The above-mentioned Espionage file reflects information to the effect that one [redacted] was formerly the roommate of [redacted] before the latter left Washington and that [redacted] is presently residing at [redacted], Maryland, which is in the immediate vicinity of the [redacted].

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SAC Hood has been telephonically furnished the above information and instructed to have [redacted] located and interviewed for

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CC - Mr. Belmont
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the purpose of determining whether he has in fact received information from a Bureau employee as alleged by [redacted]. Mr. Hood has subsequently advised that [redacted] has been contacted and will be interviewed at the Washington Field Office this evening and the results will be furnished the Bureau promptly. Dissemination of the information regarding [redacted] will not be made until completion of the investigation of the personnel angle.

This matter will be followed very closely.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD
 FROM : *H. H. O.*
 MR. BELMONT
 SUBJECT: DELAY IN FILING CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 22, 1952

PURPOSE

To advise you of the reasons for the delay in sending the attached letter to the files.

DETAILS

There is attached a letter dated June 16, 1952, from the Detroit Office regarding Security Informant This letter was received in the Internal Security Section originally on June 18, 1952.

Inasmuch as it contained a request from the Detroit Office for continuation of payments to this informant, it necessitated preparation of an outgoing letter to the Detroit Office authorizing these payments. Prior to the preparation of the letter, of course, it was necessary to afford careful study to the field's request and an analysis of the value of the information previously furnished by the informant had to be made in order to determine whether or not additional payments were justified. An outgoing letter to Detroit dated July 10, 1952, was prepared authorizing these payments and was routed through the various Bureau officials, for their approval. Detroit's incoming letter has not been seen by the Internal Security Section since the preparation of this letter.

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ACTION

None. For your information.

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REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME BELMONT, Alan H.		2. GRADE AND COMPONENT OR POSITION	3. IDENTIFICATION NO. f. b. i.
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, zone and State)		5. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION Evaluation	6. DATE OF EXAMINATION 8/26/52
7. SEX M	8. RACE W	9. TOTAL YRS. GOVT. SERVICE MILITARY CIVILIAN	10. DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR SERVICE
11. ORGANIZATION UNIT S. O. G.			
12. DATE OF BIRTH 1-22-07		13. PLACE OF BIRTH N. Y.	
14. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
15. EXAMINING FACILITY OR EXAMINER, AND ADDRESS NNMC		16. OTHER INFORMATION	

17. RATING OR SPECIALTY	TIME IN THIS CAPACITY: TOTAL	LAST SIX MONTHS
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CLINICAL EVALUATION	
NORMAL	ABNORMAL
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(Check each item in appropriate column; enter "N. E." if not evaluated)	
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20. SINUSES	
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21. MOUTH AND THROAT	
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37. LOWER EXTREMITIES (Except feet) (Strength, range of motion)	
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39. IDENTIFYING BODY MARKS, SCARS, TATTOOS	
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40. SKIN, LYMPHATICS	
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NOTES.—Describe every abnormality in detail. (Enter pertinent item number before each comment; continue in item 73 and use additional sheets if necessary.)

19. Rt. deviated septum - narrow airway, N. C. D.

24. Slight xanthelasma, N. C. D. (eyelids)

30. 1 / Varicose veins lower legs, N. C. D.

34. Small l. varicocele - asymptomatic, N. C. D.

44. DENTAL (Place appropriate symbols above or below number of upper and lower teeth, respectively)															
O.—Restorable teeth X.—Missing teeth (O X S).—Fixed bridge, brackets to include abutments															
I.—Nonrestorable teeth XXX.—Replaced by dentures															
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REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL DENTAL DEFECTS AND DISEASES

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Class I

45. URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1008			46. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number, result)		
ALBUMIN N	SUGAR N	MICROSCOPIC N	Neg. #2981, C		
48. EKG Normal			49. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR A⁺ Rh⁺		
50. OTHER TESTS			47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result) Numbered 120 Kahn neg.		

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MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS																																							
51. HEIGHT 70		52. WEIGHT 185		53. COLOR HAIR Brown		54. COLOR EYES Blue		55. BUILD: SLENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY <input type="checkbox"/> OBSE <input type="checkbox"/>		56. TEMP. N																													
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73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

Measles
Mumps
Chicken pox
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kidney trouble 1939, 1949

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

#19, 24, 30, 31, N. C. D.

75. RECOMMENDATIONS—FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)

77. EXAMINEE (Check)
☒ IS QUALIFIED FOR **strenuous duty & use of firearms.**
☐ IS NOT

78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER

79. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN

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80. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN

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81. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN (Indicate which)

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82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY

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76. PHYSICAL PROFILE

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 2,
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I am presently on schedule for annual leave, starting September 8, 1952. However, as the Department, has indicated definite intentions to proceed with prosecution of additional Communist leaders in Seattle, St. Louis and Detroit and apprehensions of these individuals are scheduled for the week of September 15, 1952, it will not be possible for me to take this leave.

If it is agreeable, I will attempt to schedule vacation subsequent to these apprehensions, dependent on the situation at that time.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

8/15/52

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:
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Manual of Leave Regulations #247

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MULTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

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A. H. Belmont
Very truly yours,
A. H. Belmont, SA

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: August 1, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

ALAN H. BELMONT

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER FOR WEEK-END 8/2-3/52

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This is to advise that over the week-end, I can be reached at Piney Point, Maryland, in care of Mrs. Laurin Tolson, telephone Great Mills (Maryland) 393W-1. I will be returning to my home residence the evening of Sunday, August 3.

Communications
on, Staff
to

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NAME: ALAN H. BELMONT TITLE: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
EOD: 11/30/36 GRADE & SALARY: GS-17 \$13,000
OFFICE OF PREFERENCE: Washington, D. C.

INSPECTOR NAUGHTEN:

Belmont is an aggressive, industrious and intelligent executive. He has desirable traits of shrewdness and judiciousness. He has worked many extra hours and has been able to keep himself rather well posted on operations in his Division. I regard him as competent in his present post.

Inspection
Domestic Intelligence Division
Inspector T. E. Naughten
August 1, 1952

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September 18, 1952

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Belmont:

I want you to know that I am well pleased with the fine work performed by the St. Louis, Detroit and Seattle Divisions in the apprehension of Smith Act subjects and I am aware that your over-all supervision and detailed planning at the Seat of Government contributed to a great extent to the successful results attained.

The intelligent coordination of the vast amount of material received in the Bureau and the sound judgment displayed by you in handling this complex matter are indeed commendable. I do not want this opportunity to pass without expressing to you my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY 1565 SDP/HLSR
ON 9-23-91

Dear Mr. Belmont:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on August 26, 1952.

This report reflects that you have varicose veins of your lower legs; however, the medical examiner did not consider this to be disabling.

It is also noted that you have a condition of the eyelids known as xanthelasma, which is not considered to be disqualifying.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital reports that you are capable of strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

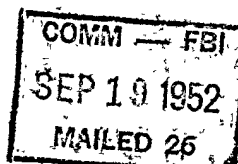
For your further information, the electrocardiogram afforded you was found to be normal.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 17, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: A. H. BELMONT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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I would like to recommend that a letter of commendation be forwarded to Mr. Belmont for the organization and handling of the most recent arrests of the Smith Act subjects who are to be tried in Seattle, Detroit and St. Louis.

I observed Mr. Belmont's handling of this matter. He personally directed the activities of the field, coordinated all of their work, was constantly in touch with them by telephone issuing instructions for the smooth, efficient handling of these arrests, which involved coordinated action in St. Louis, Missouri, Charleston, Missouri, Rock Island, Illinois, Los Angeles, California, Detroit, Michigan, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, Chicago, Illinois and Eugene, Oregon.

I believe that the prompt and smooth functioning of these widespread activities were due to the active interest and coordination of Mr. Belmont.

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September 17, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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In connection with the Smith Act apprehensions this morning, I do not believe I have ever seen a more difficult situation arise from the standpoint of handling the press release. There were apprehensions at 16 different points from the Midwest to the far West. The time differential, of course, made simultaneous arrests impossible.

While it was hoped that 18 Communist leaders would be arrested--and 18 were finally arrested--it should be remembered that three had been underground for some time. There were some calculated risks that had to be taken, particularly in Detroit, and while the Detroit plans went haywire for a 9 a.m. release, the Detroit Office had anticipated this possibility and was able to apprehend two of the individuals who had been lost during the night.

I think the fact that three of the individuals were literally lifted out of the underground will have a tremendous psychological effect on the Party.

I know that Mr. Ladd and Mr. Belmont have been giving this matter a great deal of attention and Mr. Belmont was at the Bureau until midnight last night, as I saw him leave. His group was down here at 7 O'clock this morning.

Messrs. Wick, Murphy and Kemper in my office, I thought, did a good job from the standpoint of getting the material ready.

I would like to suggest, in view of all the work that has gone into this and the details of the apprehensions, that some consideration be given to a general commendation to the three SAC's and the Domestic Intelligence Division. Nothing as yet has appeared to be wrong except my failure to get to the Director the general scheme of the excellent handling of the press.

I have kept in close touch with this whole matter, and yesterday morning, personally dictating a memorandum on this and I gave it to Mr. Ladd early yesterday afternoon, at the

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

September 17, 1952

time we were talking about the Kansas City election fraud case. Mr. Ladd did not have the time to read it at that moment and had to take the Sub A files to the Director's office. He returned it to me with his approval at 6:04 last evening. I was tied up on other matters and there was a slight delay before I routed it to your office. As it was, we had to completely revamp everything, so the proposals last night did not hold good this morning.

The actual phraseology of the press release had been pretty well set by pattern in previous cases and there was no policy involved in the matter. I did ask the Director personally about Mullen's statement that the Attorney General was going to be on television and the newsreels at noon today and his suggestion that the Director drop by yesterday afternoon. I regret that I did not get the proposed plan to the Director yesterday afternoon. I should have done this.

L. B. Nichols

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION "Appropriate letters of commendation should be prepared. H"

November 10, 1952

Mr. A. H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

A check of the physical security of the Domestic Intelligence Division on November 6, 1952, reflected certain weaknesses and I am taking this opportunity to inform you of my extreme displeasure. It is fundamental that Assistant Directors give personal attention to assuring that adequate security exists, and this is particularly necessary in your Division because of the great amount of extremely confidential work handled.

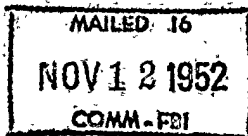
You must immediately issue appropriate instructions which will assure maximum security and from time to time you should cause appropriate checks to be made in order to satisfy yourself that security regulations are being observed.

I am sure that you realize the extreme embarrassment which could result to the Bureau if an unauthorized person gained access to confidential FBI data, and it is your responsibility as an Assistant Director to see to it that no loopholes exist in connection with operations in your Division.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

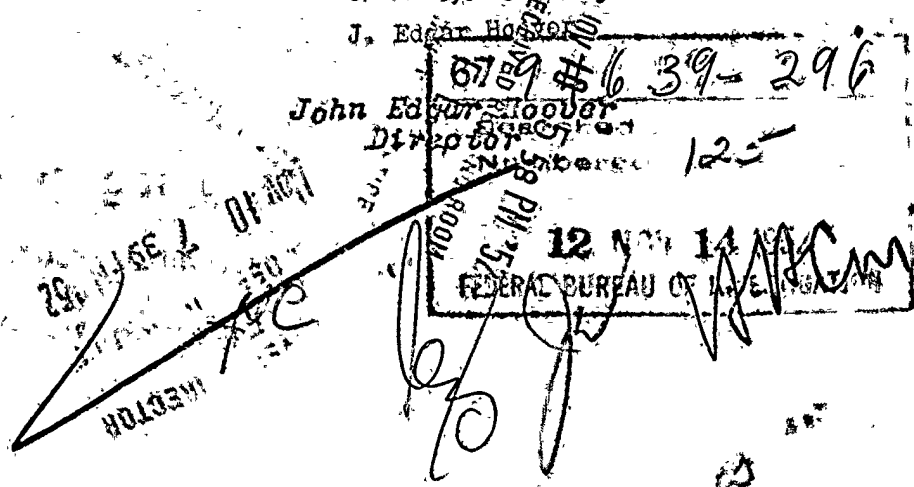
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cc: Mr. Glavin
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : Mr. Clegg
 SUBJECT: SECURITY OF OFFICES

DATE: 11/7/52

SYNOPSIS

At 3:30 p.m., November 6, 1952, Colonel Davis, Clerical Employee, Training and Inspection Division, upon instructions, borrowed messenger cart and assumed role of messenger in Domestic Intelligence Division. Davis had no badge or identification on his person. He was instructed to make a test check of security in offices assigned to Domestic Intelligence Division. Davis entered Mr. Tolson's office and attempted to enter office which contains mail rack. He was immediately challenged by [redacted] and admittance was refused. Letter of commendation suggested for [redacted] and attached to separate memorandum.

Davis entered Room 1732, Espionage Section, and obtained approximately 16 files which contained information regarding Communist Party, Internal Security, and Espionage Matters. Davis did not recognize anyone in this room. However, Mr. Belmont indicates that Davis was recognized by female clerical employee to be an employee of the Bureau. Occupants of 1732 shortly thereafter contacted Training and Inspection Division and requested that files obtained by Davis be recharged.

Davis entered Room 1537 and obtained 6 files. He admits being recognized by Clerical Employee Nancy Fisher in this room. Within the lapse of several minutes Special Agent Supervisor B. J. Connell of Room 1537 contacted the Training and Inspection Division relative to the files removed by Davis.

In Room 1527 he obtained from outer office of Espionage Unit Chief a letter from CIA classified as "Secret" and 2 documents of an administrative nature. He was unchallenged in this room despite the fact that Unit Chief Branigan's Secretary Gloria Stomerosky told him not to pick up ticklers and pointed out to him the outgoing mail box.

In Room 3708 Davis, while attempting to load files into a messenger cart was challenged by Agent Supervisor [redacted]

[redacted] noticed that Davis had mail and files mixed together loosely in the messenger cart. [redacted] questioned Davis and informed Assistant Director Belmont of Davis' lack of identification. Assistant Director Belmont questioned Davis, whereupon Davis admitted test security check and the fact he was assigned to the Training and Inspection Division.

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EVALUATION

Davis had no badge or identification on him whatsoever. The fact that he was recognized in 2 offices to be an employee of the Bureau does not excuse the fact that he was not detained because of lack of identification. It is felt that adequate security measures have not been taken in Domestic Intelligence Division. Therefore, it is being recommended that Messrs. Ladd, Belmont, Hennrich, and Branigan be censured for failure to issue proper instructions in this regard. Mr. Belmont advised that all employees have been alerted to security. However, the specific individuals in each room have not been charged with responsibility for security. Secretary [redacted] should be censured because she accosted the messenger Davis, talked with him, however failed to note whether he had any badge or proper identification. Employees Mrs. [redacted] and Agent [redacted] should be commended for their alertness.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That letters of censure be forwarded to Messrs. Ladd, Belmont, Hennrich, Branigan, and Secretary Gloria Stonerosky.

2. That employees Mrs. [redacted] and SA [redacted] be commended for their alertness in spotting the fact that messenger Davis had no identification badge.

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sent | 3. That the attached letter to Bureau Officials regarding the importance of proper security be forwarded.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11-7-52

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF OFFICES

Purpose of Objective: To have a clerical employee, giving outward appearance of a Bureau messenger, but without badge or building pass, by using only a messenger cart which can be obtained by outsiders, test security of offices assigned to the FBI in the Justice Building.

Instructions Issued to Clerical Employee: For the captioned test, Colonel Davis, a clerk assigned to the Training & Inspection Division, was selected. Davis has never been a messenger, has never worked in the Files Section, and it was felt that he would not be too well known. He entered on duty in February 1951 and from that date to October 1951 was assigned to the Training & Inspection Division and physically located at the Identification Division. From October 1951 until the present date, he has been physically located in the Justice Building. His duties have never taken him to the Domestic Intelligence Division or to Mr. Tolson's Office. He has no responsibilities regarding the picking up of files and outgoing mail. Davis was specifically instructed to obtain a messenger cart and go in several offices at random and attempt to pick up files or outgoing mail.

Results of Test - Room 1732: At approximately 3:50 PM, 11-6-52, Davis entered Room 1732 of the Domestic Intelligence Division. He pulled a messenger cart in behind him. He looked around and saw no outgoing mail in any of the boxes marked "outgoing". He then departed with his cart. Two minutes later Davis returned to Room 1732, pulling his cart in behind him. He noticed a stack of files on a table to the left upon entering the door. He proceeded to load approximately 16 of these files in his cart. None of the occupants in the room spoke to Davis. He did not recognize anyone nor did he speak to anyone. He departed this office without being challenged. It is noted that the files he obtained from this room contained information concerning the Communist Party in San Francisco, District #13, and two files, each which concerned matters of an Internal Security and Espionage nature.

Mr. Belmont's Explanation: Mr. Belmont indicated that Agent Supervisors L. F. Kurtz, R. G. Jensen, and D. W. Fuhs were in Room 1732 at the time Davis procured the files. Clerical Employees [redacted] and [redacted] were also present. He stated that the supervisors were engrossed in their work and did not observe Davis enter the room inasmuch as Locate Clerks are constantly coming in and out of the room. He claimed that Miss [redacted] observed Davis to enter the room and knew him to be a Bureau employee. Subsequently, an attempt was made by occupants of this room to contact Davis on Extension 441. Upon being informed that Davis was on a "Special" for the Training & Inspection Division, a message was left for him to make certain that the files which he took from Room 1732 were recharged in accordance with prevailing

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regulations. Davis indicates he does not know Miss [] however, that he was a member of the FBI RA Dramatics Club and she might have known him by attending some of this club's presentations.

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Evaluation: Miss [] claims that she recognized Davis as a Bureau employee; therefore, no challenge was made. The fact still remains, however, that Davis had no identification or badge of any kind and that he was allowed to pick up the files and leave. It is not felt that the Agent Supervisors or the clerical occupants of Room 1732 should be censured; however, it is quite apparent that these occupants have not been given the proper instructions regarding security precautions. Mr. Belmont states that he has continually alerted personnel of his division regarding security matters. However, that no specific individual is charged with responsibility of security in each room. Regardless of whether Miss [] at one time knew Davis to be a Bureau employee or not, there is no reason to believe that she definitely knew him to be a Bureau employee at this time. Davis' lack of a badge or other identification confirms this fact. It therefore appears that employees of the Domestic Intelligence Division have not been given adequate instructions concerning security. It is felt that any employees without a badge or proper identification should be challenged any time regardless of whether they were formerly known to be Bureau employees.

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- RECOMMENDATION:
1. That the attached letters of censure be forwarded to Assistant to the Director, Ladd, Assistant Director Belmont, Section Chief Hennrich, and Unit Chief Branigan.
 2. That the attached letter to Bureau officials regarding security of offices be forwarded.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent, of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent. I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 11/10/52
Address 2711 N. Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

NAME Mrs. Loretta D. Belmont Relationship Wife Date 11/10/52
Address 2711 N. Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia

Very truly yours,

Special Agent

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[Handwritten signature: Loretta D. Belmont]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: Sept. 26,
1952

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: A. H. BELMONT
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Mr. Belmont, who is on Annual Leave through October 9, 1952, called at 11:10 a.m., September 26, from St. Paul, Minnesota. He advised he is proceeding to the residence of Robert Clellan, Forrest Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa, telephone Monroe 1534. He will arrive there the night of September 26 and will remain approximately one week.

ACTION:

For your information.

CEH:LL

cc-Mr. Ladd
cc-Movement Section35
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: A. H. BELMONT
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DATE: Sept. 22,
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Mr. Belmont advised on September 22, from Chicago, that he was leaving Chicago on September 22, 1952, and on the evening of September 23 will be at the home of Maxwell C. Johnson, St. Paul, Minnesota. He will be available there until Friday, September 26, after which he can be reached through the residence of Robert Clellan, Forrest Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

ACTION:

For your information.

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cc-Mr. Ladd
cc-Movement Section

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: September 18, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ANNUAL LEAVE - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

If it is agreeable, I will start annual leave as of 9:00 am, September 19, 1952, to extend until the close of business October 9, 1952. I plan to drive my family to Iowa and will be visiting friends en route. I will be leaving Washington the morning of September 20. My exact travel plans have not yet crystallized. However, I will leave a tentative schedule with my secretary and will communicate with the Bureau at least twice a week to discuss any problems that may arise.

As suggested, I will spend sometime on Monday, September 22, 1952, with SAC Malone and his assistants at the Chicago Office to go over the condition of the security work in that office and to offer any suggestions possible to assist in clearing up the work. I may, therefore, be reached through the Chicago Office on Monday, September 22, 1952.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

~~SECRET~~TO : MR. LADD *DL*

DATE: November 10, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*SUBJECT: [CORSAIR.
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Regarding the airtel from New York received in my office at 10:07 am, November 6, 1952, and answered by airtel to New York received by Mr. Ladd's office from this Division at 5:00 pm, November 6, I note that the incoming airtel was received by the Espionage Section at 12:00 noon and was received back in my office at 3:34 pm.

I regret that this item was not processed through my office more rapidly. I have issued instructions to select those items which must receive priority handling from the heavy volume of mail and memoranda flowing through this office in order that matters of this type will receive immediate handling. We consistently attempt to do this. However, we will attempt to further tighten up.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD
FROM : A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 5, 1952

SUBJECT : COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF: Honolulu
PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES
UNDER THE SMITH ACT - HAWAII)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.
Bufile 100-3-74-18

PURPOSE:

To answer the Director's question as to delay in authorizing the Honolulu Office to interview Robert Kempa by Special Agents [] and []

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b7CDETAILS:

A radiogram from Honolulu was received in my office at 9:15 pm, November 3. Because of the action required, I personally called in Supervisor E. F. Dooley shortly after 9:00 am the morning of November 4, and instructed that a cover memorandum be prepared recommending authority be granted for the interview by [] and []. A cover memorandum was necessary because the Bureau had issued definite instructions that [] and [] should not participate in security work. Mr. Dooley immediately prepared the cover memorandum and a radiogram to Honolulu which were brought to me for approval and hand-carried by Mr. Dooley to Mr. Ladd's office, arriving there at 12:42 pm, November 4 (7:42 am, Honolulu time).

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None. For your information.

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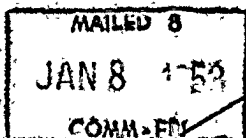
Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Belmont:

As you are aware, recent hearings by the New York Crime Commission have brought to light certain criminal activities on the New York waterfront which indicate that the Bureau has been lax in initiating a program whereby our responsibilities in that connection would have been known and could have been fulfilled. Your failure and that of other Bureau officials to initiate a program of action whereby the field offices in the New York area would have been specifically instructed to inquire into matters of this type is indicative of carelessness and neglect in fulfilling your responsibilities. It is obvious that a definite program should have been formulated here at the seat of Government with appropriate instructions issued to the field and with a strong follow-up system to insure informant coverage pertaining to violations of the Labor Management Relations Act.

In the future, you will be expected to exhibit more aggressive supervision and forethought in situations of this type in order that the Bureau will always be aware of criminal activities in which we have an interest and in order that all of the responsibilities of the Bureau may be fulfilled. You are also expected to insure that persons working under you who are handling such matters exert the proper forethought and supervision to protect the Bureau's interests.

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Very truly,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOV

TO : The Director,

DATE: December 28, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: PLACING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRIOR
FAILURE TO INSTITUTE POSITIVE ACTION
IN NEW YORK WATERFRONT AREA1A.H. Belmont

This is to synopsize the attached memorandum which places responsibility at the Seat of Government and in the Newark and New York Field Divisions for failure in not initiating a positive action program such as a survey to make certain that our responsibilities have been fully covered in the waterfront area.

In the Investigative Division, it is our feeling that responsibility for having failed to initiate such a program lies on Ladd, Rosen, Winterrowd, Malley, as the Number One Men, F. L. Price, who is in charge of the Criminal Section, and L. R. Pennington, in charge of the Accounting and Fraud Section handling such violations as the Anti-Racketeering cases. It is deeply regretted the general situation in the New York waterfront area was not analyzed in such a light as to foresee the general problem which indicates the necessity of a survey. It is recommended Ladd, Rosen, Winterrowd, Malley, Price and Pennington be censured. These officials were cognizant that crime and violations being committed of a local nature might possibly be violations of some Federal statute.

"This is interesting for if I recall correctly Ladd told us there were no Red-Violations involved. H." In the Domestic Intelligence Division, responsibility lies in the fact that sufficient pressure was not placed on the Newark and New York Offices to insure proper coverage developed. The fault in this Division lies not with lack of having survey made for purpose of disclosing possible violations of the Labor Management Relations Act since persons responsible had no notice conditions existed indicating possibility of "shakedown" payments, but fault does lie in fact Domestic Intelligence Division failed in having sufficient coverage. Responsibility for applying necessary pressure lies with Ladd, Belmont and Baumgardner, Section Chief of the Internal Security Section. Recommended they be criticized. No action being recommended as to supervisors.

As to responsibility in New York Division with respect to the failure to initiate a survey, New York advises such responsibility must be borne by those actively in charge of the administration of the New York Division. SAC Scheidt of Detroit was responsible. The present Sac Boardman is also responsible. ASAC Whelan and ASAC Hargett were also responsible and, furthermore, Inspector Stein, who was ASAC in New York from March, 1950, until January, 1951, was also responsible. Letters of censure recommended to all.

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The New York Division advises they have had liaison with logical Federal agencies and major shipping companies but allegations which have been made before New York State Crime Commission appeared to have been made for first time when books and records of shipping companies were looked into by Crime Commission and officials of company placed under oath by Commission. New York advised it believes a survey or general inquiry would not have divulged such practices short of procedures used by Crime Commission which in turn is not available to Bureau. While this may be the situation, fact still remains we did not make survey and cannot state with any positive degree that Bureau would not have been advised of these operations.

I definitely disagree with McKee. H.

As to responsibility in Newark Division, SAC McKee has advised it has constantly endeavored to meet all investigative responsibilities and that field division feels responsibilities have been met. While Newark Division points out they have supplied information concerning criminal activities of a local nature to the Bureau, fact still remains that division did not institute positive approach in the form of a survey to determine actually if Federal violations existed. While this division has established coverage, McKee is responsible for either recommending or instituting a positive type program. Recommended he be censured as well as SAC Commons and former ASAC Kaack, now a Special Agent. Former ASAC Frank Battle, who preceded Commons, has resigned. These three as well as McKee have responsibility.

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Hoover's notation

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 18, 1952

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use ☐
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Very truly yours,

ALAN BELMONT

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: December 28, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

Domestic Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
BY SUBVERSIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS
INTERNAL SECURITY - RSYNOPSIS:

You requested an explanation as to why our memorandum to Deputy Attorney General Malone of December 22, 1952, was classified "Security Information - Confidential" and why all dates of dissemination to State concerning David Weintraub were not set forth. The memorandum was classified because it contained allegations which were the bases for investigations and gave an indication of the extent of our investigations of United Nations employees. Classification would not prohibit Malone from disseminating to the Chelf Committee but would require that the information be treated as security information. Malone did not request all dates of dissemination re Weintraub but only date of Bureau compliance with State request and date information was volunteered prior to such request. These data are submitted for your information.

DETAILS:

You requested an explanation as to why a memorandum dated December 22, 1952, under this caption for Deputy Attorney General Malone was classified "Security Information - Confidential." The memorandum and the attachment thereto set forth the names of United Nations employees and the dates of dissemination of information to the State Department by the Bureau. The memorandum also contained the allegations which were the bases for the investigations of David Weintraub and others. It was felt that this information gave an indication of the extent of our investigations of United Nations employees as well as the length of time such employees had been under investigation and that such data should be properly classified as information which should be safeguarded in the interest of the security of the United States.

It was also felt that placing the security classification on this data would not prohibit the Deputy Attorney General from disseminating it to a congressional committee. Item 90b of Executive Order 10290 which prescribes regulations for classifying security information sets forth that "classified security information shall not be disseminated outside of the executive branch by any person or agency...except under conditions and through channels authorized by the head of the disseminating agency..."

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of "hooey" as
mistake was made
& there is no use
trying to justify it*

"Agency" is described in the executive order as any department or establishment within the executive branch. It would appear therefore that the mere fact that the Bureau memorandum was classified would not prohibit dissemination of information contained therein to the Chief Committee by Mr. Malone, but would only require that if it were disseminated, it be treated as security information and not made a part of a public statement.

You also requested an explanation as to why all of the dates of dissemination of information concerning Weintraub were not set forth in the memorandum to Mr. Malone. With regard to Weintraub, Mr. Malone asked "1) was the FBI requested by the State Department to furnish information concerning David Weintraub?" and "2) whether the FBI gave information to the State Department concerning Weintraub in response to such a request or whether the FBI had given such information previously in a routine manner and the date the information was given?"

From the wording of the two questions it was not apparent that Mr. Malone desired all dates of dissemination to the State Department. The crux of the two questions appeared to be first, did the FBI furnish information to State as the result of a State Department request and if so, the date thereof. Secondly, had the FBI previously volunteered information to the State Department and the date thereof.

A review of the file reflected that State had requested information on three different occasions. We had not volunteered information prior to the first request so that our memorandum to Mr. Malone gave the date of the first request and the date we complied. We had volunteered information prior to the second and third requests. The dates thereof were set forth in our memorandum to Malone together with what our files showed as to the dates of the second and third requests and the dates on which we complied with the requests.

In addition, we noted in the memorandum that the Bureau had disseminated information on twenty-eight other dates subsequent to the third State Department request. Mr. Malone had not asked for dates of dissemination subsequent to the State Department requests and these specific dates were therefore not set forth; however, as the Bureau had disseminated information on twenty-eight different occasions to the State Department subsequent to its last request which was dated July 17, 1950,

All could have been avoided if the dates they had been given as they should have been. X

we felt it was pertinent that the Bureau go on record reflecting the extent of dissemination and therefore we included this information in summary form.

This memorandum was thoroughly discussed with me prior to preparation and was prepared in accordance with my instructions. I regret that I did not foresee that Malone would raise these questions and therefore did not take action to forestall them.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

ADDENDUM

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It is definitely Mr. Belmont's and my responsibility to watch for all policy matters that might affect the Bureau's interest. We both failed to see the full significance of this and I therefore recommend we each receive a letter of censure.

I knew Malone wanted the information to give Mr. Chief Comm. Her and I should have had sense enough to stop the memo & have it declassified and I should be held basically responsible.

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I've had just how many "well-known" do we have to set up for checking such things. Belmont & I did just were not thinking.

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

DATE: January 13, 1953

LETTER TO ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
1/9/53.

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Belmont ☒

Mohr ☒

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Nease ☒

Gandy ☒

The Director has pointed out that it was necessary to re-type a page of a letter to the Atomic Energy Commission due to the fact that the word "cited" was misspelled "sighted."

I certainly agree that it is not the job of the Director's Office to catch errors of this sort. I personally read the letter and I should have noted the error. There is no excuse for allowing a letter to go through with an error of this type. I will certainly attempt to eliminate them in the future.

AHB:tlc

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